SORTING SOME OF THE WRIGHTS OF

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

PART XXV: 1783 ROBERT WRIGHT OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY,

HIS WIFE MARY (____) WRIGHT

AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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INTRODUCTION

Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia is a multipart project. Each part will discuss a separate Wright family, beginning with the oldest known ancestor of that line. This work 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County is Part XXV of the project.

The material for this project is organized in four sections. The first is the text, the second is the descendants charts, the third is the sources, and the fourth is a set of appendices.

The text provides full and literal transcriptions of all documents and sources found for the individuals discussed, as well as explanations of the significance of documents and the evidentiary logic for conclusions that are not obvious on their face. Five generations are discussed. Every researcher has faced the frustration of an asserted identification without a source reference or explanation of the conclusion or with a source reference which when consulted turns out to say something different than what was claimed. By providing full transcriptions of sources, I hope to allow the reader to reach their own conclusions regarding the identifications given and avoid the need to search out the source, even though this adds considerably to the length of the text. When secondary sources are relied on, the person providing the information is listed.

The descendants charts are organized with the oldest ancestor in the first column and each descendant from that ancestor in the remaining columns, to the extent known. The basic data of date and place of birth, marriage, residence, and death are given for each individual. The sources for that information are also given for each individual, using code numbers to the source list.

The source list provides a chronological listing of sources as they were found or consulted. The chronological listing evolved from my early years in research and mistaken efforts at coding the source. By the time I realized the inappropriateness of the coding format, there was too much information in a pre-computer era to correct the early references. The reader is left with the result and my apology.

The appendices list all of the known Wright documents for a particular type of record for a county in chronological order and include an identification of the Wright named in the record. These appendices have been published separately by Heritage Books, Inc., and to date have included Wright birth, marriage, personal property tax, census, deed, land tax, death, cemetery, and probate records for Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Cumberland, Essex, Franklin, Montgomery, Nelson, Prince Edward, Roanoke, and Rockbridge Counties, Virginia, the City of Lynchburg, and the City of Roanoke, Virginia. Other counties will follow in the future. The appendices allow a cross referencing of the known records to the person discussed. This is to avoid having the same record cited for two different persons who happened to have the same name and to provide a list of documents that have not been associated with any person and which might be inconsistent with asserted identifications.

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The numerous Wrights found in the same geographic areas necessitated an identification system to keep their identities separated. The system selected early on was to list a person by their year of death and county of residence at death, when known. For example, "1776 Augustine Wright of Amherst County" indicates that this was the Augustine Wright who died in 1776 in Amherst County. If no state is listed after the county, the state is Virginia; counties in states other than Virginia have a state listed after the county, as in "1825 Achilles Wright of Oldham County, Kentucky". A parenthetical after the name indicates an identification of the person when a place of death is not yet known, as in "John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter)." A county in parentheses after the name indicates the county with which that person was most identified when no evidence of the place of death has yet been found, as in "William Wright, Sr. (Bedford County)."

No work of this size is done without help. I am especially indebted to my distant cousin Dr. Lucius F. Wright and his work Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820, published in 2012 and which did the original sorting of the Wright families of Southside Virginia.

This is a work in process and I would be most interested in receiving additional information about any of the persons identified in these records in order to correct any errors or expand on the information given.

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XXV. 1783 Robert Wright Of Brunswick County, His Wife Mary ( ) Wright, And His Descendants

The documentation relating to 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County was first extensively developed by my distant cousin Dr. Lucius "Luke" F. Wright in his pioneering work Southside Virginia Wright Families, 1755-1820, published in 2014 by Heritage Books, Inc. His material on 1783 Robert Wright is at pages 34 to 43. This work follows that work with gratitude and adds some additional material identified since its publication and further analysis of the documentation for this family.

The parents of 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County have not as yet been identified.

No living male Wright descendant of 1783 Robert Wright has as yet been found who might participate in the Wright DNA Project and therefore, the haplogroup of this line of Wrights is as yet unknown.

However, as more fully set forth below, one of 1783 Robert Wright's sons was 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and in 1777 that son was listed as of King William County. However, a courthouse fire on January 17, 1885, burned most of the King William County records and any documentation relating to the family of 1783 Robert Wright in King William County may have been lost with the destruction of the county records.

The first record of 1783 Robert Wright was found in Brunswick County, Virginia.

On March 28, 1774, at Brunswick County, Virginia, W.B. 4/196, a list of sales from the estate of Phillip Penn listed a sale to Robert Wright of a parcel of old hoes for 4/2 and 1 pott & ladle for 5/.

On February 20, 1777, at Brunswick County, Virginia, D.B. 13/69, Robert Wright of Brunswick County, Virginia, purchased from Robert Briggs and his wife Ruth Briggs and Samuel Briggs and his wife Betty Briggs a tract of either 280 or 180 acres of land:

> "This Indenture made the 20th Day of february in the yare of our Loht 1777 Betwen Robert Briggs and Ruth his Wife Samuel Briggs and Betty his wife of the parish of saint and County of Brunswick, of the one part and Robert Wright of the parish and County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Robert Briggs and Ruth his Wife Samuel Briggs and Betty his Wife for and in Donsideration of the sum of one Hundred and Seven pounds to them in hand paid by the said Robert Wright before the Consealing and Delivery of thes

presents the Wright wheof(?) thay do Acknowlede and of Every part and parcel thereof doth fully Clealy [clearly?] acquit Eanter(?) hand [exonerate?] Dishary(?) [discharge?] the said Robert Wrigth his heir and assigns by these present and for Divers other good Cesful(?) Consideration them thereunto moveing the Said Robert Briggs and Ruth his wife Samuel Briggs and Betty his wife have Granted Bargained sold alivery [delivered?] Cenfofth [enfeoffed?] and Confirmed and by these presents Douth Grann Bargain Sell and abfolly Confirm unto the said Robert Wright and his heirs acertain Tract or parcel of Land Sechate [situate?] lying and being the prents [parish?] County aforesaid and Bounded asllow Begining Walkers line what it Corfers the Gum blank(?) Thoms along his line to Samuel Briggs living(?) Black thence up the said Brach to the head to acorner Red oak thence by aline of marked trees to Mraths(?) Line thence up the said to the Gum Brach thence Down the said Brach to the Begining Containing of Two Hundred and Eighty acres be the same mor or less with in and the said Bounds above mentioned and all and singular houses Buildidy or other conprments(?) woods underwoods marshel swamps meadows groueunts(?) or other Aiyzertenances [appurtenances?] to the Sum ingering and belonging also the Reversion and Reversions Remainder or Remainders Right Estate Benefit Claim and Demand whatsoever of them the said Robert Briggs and Ruth his wife Samuel Briggs and Betty his Wife of in to all ans singular the premises and every part thereof to have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of one Hundred and Eighty acres be the same more or Less within and to the Bounds hores mentioned and assigns other the premises herein forer mentioed and intendinged to be hereby Granted with their and ever of here appertences unto the said Rober Wright his hier and assigns forever to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Robert Wright his heir and assigns forever more and said Robert Briggs and Ruth his Wife Samuel Briggs and Betty his Wife for themselves and ther heirs the said Tract or parcel of Land and other sills(?) premiss with there and every of their appurtenances unto the said Robert Wright and his heir against them the said Robert Briggs Ruth his Wife and their Heires or any other person or persons whatsoever shall and Will warrent and Defend fre and Clare forever all encumberancs whatsoever in Wittness wher of the said Robert Briggs and Ruth his Wife Samuel Briggs and Betty his Wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the Day and year above Written

Samuel Briggs
Betty Briggs

Signed Sealed and Delivered)
In the presence of us)
William Walker
Jofhu Wright
Reuben Wright

Received february the 23th Day 1778 of Robert Wright the sum of one thousand and Ten pounds being the Conferation mony for the within Bargaind Sold Land

and premises the Tany(?) Bond in full for ther sum just

Samuel Briggs

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 23d Day of febuary 1778

This Indenture proved by the Oaths of William Walker Joshue Wright and Rubin Wright the Witness thereto and was also acknowledges by Peter Briggs aparty thereto she haveing been benfits(?) privily examined as the Law directs and ordered to be Recorded

Duals(?) Peter Pelham jr Cl Cur"

The handwriting for this deed is difficult to read and the deed itself is of an unusual form and it is unclear whether it was the scrivener of the deed or the person who copied the deed into the court records who was responsible for the incorrect form and misspelled and missing words and portions of words. In addition, the legal description was unclear as to whether the purchase was for 280 or 180 acres of land, but as set forth below, the Land Tax Lists and the deed for the later sale of this land indicates that the acreage was 180 acres rather than 280 acres.

The 1782 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 11 persons in the household, 2 horses, 33 cattle, and including slaves George, David, Dinah, Milly, Phill, Jacob, Lucy, Nancy, Sylvia, and Peter.

The 1782 Land Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with 180 acres of land.

On May 28, 1782, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 13/459, Robert Wright, Reuben Wright, William Walker, George Trotter were appointed as appraisers of the estate of Moses Penn:

"Ordered that William Walker, Robert Wright, Reubin Wright & George Trotter or any three of them being first duly sworn do appraise the Estate of Moses Penn decd. and make report thereof to the Court"

The Robert Wright of this record may have been 1783 Robert Wright, but given his death shortly after this date, the Robert Wright of this record was more probably Robert Wright, the son of 1783 Robert Wright.

The 1783 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed the Estate of Robert Wright with 5 tithes, 10 persons, 2 horses, and 35 cattle, including

slaves Daniel, George, Dinah, Milley, Phibey, Jacob, Lucy, Nancy, Peter, and Silvey. Immediately below the Estate of Robert Wright was the listing of Reuben Wright with slaves Jack, Sarah, Agey, Meck, and Phill.

The 1783 Land Tax List Alterations for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed the transfer from Robert Wright to John Penn of 180 acres of land:

"Robert Wright 180 acres - altered to John Penn"

Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820, by Lucius F. Wright, stated that on April 28, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/138, the following order was recorded:

> "On motion of Reubin Wright, Certificate granted him to obtain Letters of Administration on est of Robert Wright, decd. Bartholomew Ingram and Thomas Penn securities for £2000. William Walker, Richard Lamb, John Haskins, and George Trotter to appraise the estate and the same persons to lay off to the widow her dower."

This record indicates that Robert Wright had died before April 28, 1783. As the eldest son of Robert Wright, Reuben Wright would have had the right to act as administrator of Robert Wright's estate. The Brunswick County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists listed only one Reuben Wright and that was the Reuben with slaves Jack, Sarah, Agey, Meck, and Phill in 1783, therefore identifying that Reuben Wright as the son of 1783 Robert Wright.

Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820 also stated that on April 28, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/162, the assignment of dower was recorded.

Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820 also stated that on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/157, the following order was entered:

> "A writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Robert Wright decd. was presented…Executors named refused, and Austin Wright with Thomas Penn and Robert Wright securities for £2000 were named."

The will of Robert Wright was dated on August 11, 1781, probated on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/438, and provided as follows:

> "I Robert Wright in Brunswick County do make this my last will and Testament after all my just debts are paid as followeth - I give unto Mary wife one negro man named George one womans saddle one feather bed and furniture.

Item I give unto my son Robt. Wright one negro woman named Milley and her youngest child Silvia.

Item I give unto my daughter Jane Featherston one negro girl named Fib to her and her heirs I give unto my son Thomas Wright one negro man named Daniel to him and his heirs. I give unto my son Joshua one negro boy named Jacob to him and his heirs. My will and desire is that where I have given negroes they shall have _ right keep them. Also my will and desire is the remaining part of my estate be equally divided amongst my wife and children that then surviving, the negroes that are not mentioned here I desire may not go out of the family, my desire is that my land should be sold my widow having a third part my desire is that Uriah's children may have an equal part of my movable estate. I give unto son Reubin Wright my two work steers I do appoint my sons Reubin and Joshua my Executors of this my last will and Testament this 11th Day August 1781.

Robert Wright

Brunswick County Court 26th May 1783

This writing was produced as the last will and Testament of Robert Wright decd. and on examining sundry witnesses the Court are of opinion the same was wholly wrote by the Testator, and that same ought to be recorded as his true last will and Testament, and the Executors therein named having refused to act on the motion of Austin Wright and he having given bond with security and taken the oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of Administration of the said estate with this his will annexed

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This record identifies the family of Robert Wright as follows:

Wife: Mary (____) Wright

Children:

1) Robert Wright,

2) Jane (Wright) Featherston,

3) Thomas Wright,

4) Joshua Wright,

5) Reubin Wright, and

6) Austin Wright.

The identity of the Uriah Wright named in the will is unclear. He may have been a deceased son of 1783 Robert Wright, but as more fully set forth below, his probable

date of birth indicates that he was probably a brother of 1783 Robert Wright.

On the refusal of the nominated executors to act, another son of 1783 Robert Wright would have been eligible to act as administrator with the will annexed, therefore identifying the Austin Wright who was appointed as such administrator as a son of 1783 Robert Wright, even though he was not personally named as such in the will.

The will of 1783 Robert Wright did not dispose of his land, other that a request that it be sold, and the result was that under the intestate rule of primogeniture in Virginia at that time the land passed to the oldest son, subject to a life estate in the widow as to ⅓ of the land. As set forth below, that oldest son was Augustine "Austin" Wright who sold that land in 1786.

The 1783 Land Tax List Alterations for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed the transfer from Robert Wright to John Penn of 180 acres of land between May 1, 1783, and May 1, 1784:

> "An Account of the Alterations of Land properly(?) [tear in page] county from May the 1, 1783, to May 1, 1784, with the addition__ [tear in page] the Tax Book of Land not before Taxed.
> . . . .
> Robert Wright 180 acres - altered to John Penn
> . . . ."

The 1784 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright or his estate, but did list Mary Wright with 5 taxable persons, 4 tithes, no whites under 21, 3 horses, and 11 cattle.

The 1785 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with 4 taxable persons, 2 tithes, no whites under 21, 1 horse, and 12 cattle, including slaves Milly, Lucy, Amy, and George.

The 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with 6 taxable persons, 2 tithes, no whites under 21, 1 horse, and 10 cattle, including slaves George, Milly, Lucy, Peter, Silvy, and Amy.

On September 4, 1786, at Brunswick County, Virginia, D.B. 14/257, Augustine or Austin Wright sold to John Penn 175 acres of land in Brunswick County:

> "This Indenture made this fourth Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and eighty six Between Augustin Wright of Mecklenburg of the one part and John Penn of the County of Brunswick of the

other part Witnesseth that the said Augustin Wright for and in consideration of the sum of one Hundred and six pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said John Penn the Receipt whereof he the said Augustin Wright doth hereby Acknowledge hath given Granted Bargained and sold and by these presents doth give Bargain and Sell unto the said John Penn his heirs and Assigns forever, one certain Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Brunswick and Containing by Estimation one hundred and Seventy five Acres be the same more or less Beginning at Walker's line where it crosses the gum branch thence along the said line to Samuel Brigg's Spring branch thence up the said branch to the head of a corner red oak thence by a line of marked trees to Stith's line thence up the said line to the gum Branch thence down the said branch to the Beginning together with all the house, woods, waters, and all other the Appurtenances thereunto Belonging, or in any wise appertaining To have and to hold the said Land and Appurtenances unto the said John Penn his heirs &c forever and the said Augustin Wright doth for himself and his Heirs Covenant and gree with the said John Penn that he the said Augustin Wright and his heirs forever the above granted Land and Appurtenances unto the said John Penn his Heirs and Assigns forever, against all persons, shall and will warrant and forever defend; In Witness whereof the said Augustin Wright hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the Day and year above written

Austin Wright

Signed Sealed and Delivered)
in Presence of)
Samuel Briggs)
Reuben Wright
Robert Wright

Brunswick County Court 22d January 1787 This Indenture was proved by the oaths of Reubin Wright Samuel Briggs and Robert Wright the witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded.

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Although the legal description in the original deed is difficult to decipher, the similarities between that legal description and the one in this deed make clear that the same land was involved in both deeds. That legal description of the metes and bounds indicates that the entire original purchase was being sold, but since the widow Mary Wright was still living in 1786, Augustine Wright would have had the right to sell only the ⅔ of the parcel not subject to the widow's life estate or the entire property but subject to the widow's life estate. The result is that either (1) the original purchase was of

approximately 280 acres and the sale was of only the two thirds of the parcel not subject to the widow's life estate (⅔ of 280 acres = 186 acres), but this would leave the widow's life estate portion of 105 acres unaccounted for, or (2) the original purchase was of 180 acres and the sale was of the entire parcel and the purchaser was taking the property with the understanding that ⅓ remained subject to the widow's life estate.

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright on May 23, 1787, with no white males over 21, no white males between 16 and 21, 2 blacks above 16, 4 blacks under 16, 1 horse, and 11 cattle.

The 1787 through 1794 Land Tax Lists for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright or Mary Wright.

The 1788 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright on July 17, 1788, immediately after Reuben Wright with no white males over 21, no white males between 16 and 21, 2 blacks above 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright on July 20, 1789, with 1 white tithe, 2 blacks above 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with 1 white tithes, 3 negro tithes, 1 negro between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1790 Census for Virginia is no longer extant.

The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with no white tithes, 2 black tithes, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with no white tithes, 1 black tithe, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 1 horses.

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with no white tithes, 3 black tithes, no black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1794 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with no white tithes, 2 black tithes, no black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

On September 22, 1794, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 16/320, Thomas Penn was appointed administrator of the estate of Mary Wright:

"On the motion of Thomas Penn admtor is granted him on the estate of Mary

Wright decd he having made oath thereto according to law and together with John Penn his security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of three hundred pounds with conditions as the law directs for the faithful administration of the said decedents estate"

On September 28, 1795, at Brunswick County, Virginia, W.B. 5/650, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Mary Wright dated on October 26, 1794, was filed showing an estate valued at £45, 10 shillings, 6 pence:

"Agreeable to an order of the Worshipful Court of Brunswick County we the Subscribers have taken an Inventory of the Estate of Mary Wright decd. being first Sworn on the 26 day of October 1794

Parcel of Corn	£ 13	0	0
To Parcel of Fodder & Shucks	2	10	0
8 Head of Cattle	8	0	0
10 Head of Hogs	3	5	0
To Bed & furniture	8	0	0
To 6 old Chairs 6/ To 1 pine Table 6/	0	12	0
To 1 old Chest 6/ To Case & Seven Bottles 6/	0	12	0
To Tin Sugar Box	0	6	0
Spice Morter & Pestle	0	7	0
The Earthen ware 3/ To 1 Comb 1/	0	4	0
To 1 Candle Mould & old Shears	0	3	0
To 1 Jug & Butter Pott	0	5	0
To 5 Basons 6 plates 2 Dishes 6 Spoons	1	6	0
1 Tunnel & Saspan	0	2	0
7 Knives & 6 Forks	0	4	0
A Wheel & 2 pr. of Cards	0	10	0
To 1 Jin 6/ To 3 Bells 4/	0	10	0
To 2 pales 2 Wash Tub	0	4	0
To old Lumber	0	8	0
To old Iron 2 Pots 1 Dutch Oven	2	0	0
Baskets & 1 Hide	0	10	0
To 7 Bushels of Wheat six sides of Leather	2	2	0
	45	10	6

George Trotter
Wm D Argain
William M. Johnson

Brunswick County Court Sept. 28th 1795

This Inventory & appraisement of the Estate of Mary Wright decd was returned into Court & Ordered to be Recorded

Teste"

The 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Mary Wright, consistent with her death in 1794.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of 1783 Robert Wright and Mary (____) Wright were the following:

1) Austin Wright, born probably before May 19, 1749,

2) Reuben Wright, born probably before October 15, 1756,

3) Joshua Wright, born probably born before May 26, 1762, and possibly before August 11, 1760,

4) Jane (Wright) Featherston,

5) Robert Wright, born probably before May 27, 1761,

6) Thomas Wright, and

7) Possibly but probably not Uriah Wright.

A. 1829 Augustine Or Austin Wright Of Mecklenburg County, His Wives Sarah "Salley" (Lark) Wright And Lucy (Holloway) Wright, And His Descendants

1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County was a son of 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County and Mary (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1])

Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820, by Lucius F. Wright, also extensively discussed 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and that material is at pages 48 to 60.

On May 19, 1770, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 2/484, Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County purchased from Stephen Hatchell 150 acres of land on Flat Creek in Mecklenburg County:

> "This Indenture made this Nineteenth day of May Anno dom one thousand and Seven hundred and Seventy Between Stephan Hatchell of Mecklenburg County of the one Part and Austin Wright of the said County of the Other Part Witnesseth that the said Stephan Hatchell for and in consideration of the Sum of Seventy pounds Current Money to him in hand paid before the Ensealing and Delivery of these presents by the said Austin Wright the Receipt whereof I the said Stephan Hatchell doth hereby acknowledge and my self fully Satisfied and Contented Hath Granted Bargained Sold aliend and Confirmed and by these Presents doth Grant Bargain sell alien and Confirm unto the said Austian Wright one Certain Tract or parcel of land Containing by Estimation one Hundred and

fifty Acres be the same more or less Situate lying and being in the aforesaid County and Bounded as followeth (To witt) Begining at a hicory on Flatt Creek thence Runing on Robert Goodes line to a white Oake on Neda(?) Branch thence up the Branch to a poplar thence to a white Oak Between Laban Wright and the said Hatchell from thence down the branch to an ash and from thence to the Begining hicory and every part and parcell thereof and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof To have and to hold the said granted Bargained Premises with all the appertenances privileges and Commodities to the Same belonging or in any wise appertaining to them the said Austin Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said Stephen Mitchell for him self his heirs Exors. &c Shall warrant and forever Defend the above Demised premises to the said Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claim of any Person or Persons Whatsoever In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and date above Written

Stephan Hatchell

Signed Sealed and Delivered)
In presence of us)
Ja Williams Noah Dortch
Wm Lucas Junr

Memorandum Quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizen was Taken of the within Mentioned land and premises of the within Mention Stephan Hatchell according to the Effect of the Within Worton(?) Deed

Teste Jas Williams Noah Dortch
Wm Lucas Junr

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 10th day of September 1770

This Indenture and the Memorandum of livery and Siezen Endorsed was acknowledged by Stephan Hatchell Paraty thereto, and Mary his wife She having been first privately Examined as the law Directs and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste Jno Tabb Cl"

The legal age for a male to purchase land in Virginia at this time was 21, indicating that Augustine or Austin Wright was probably born before May 19, 1749.

The 1782 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list an Augustine or Austin Wright.

The 1782 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 150 acres of land, consistent with his purchase In Mecklenburg County

Deed 2/484.

The 1783 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list an Augustine or Austin Wright.

The will of Robert Wright dated on August 11, 1781, and probated on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/438, did not list Austin Wright as one of his children, but Austin Wright was appointed as administrator with the will annexed when the nominated executors declined to act:

> "I Robert Wright in Brunswick County do make this my last will and Testament . . . .
> I do appoint my sons Reubin and Joshua my Executors of this my last will and Testament this 11th Day August 1781.
>
> Robert Wright
>
> Brunswick County Court 26th May 1783
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> This writing was produced as the last will and Testament of Robert Wright decd. and on examining sundry witnesses the Court are of opinion the same was wholly wrote by the Testator, and that same ought to be recorded as his true last will and Testament, and the Executors therein named having refused to act on the motion of Austin Wright and he having given bond with security and taken the oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of Administration of the said estate with this his will annexed
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On the refusal of the nominated executors to act, the next son of 1783 Robert Wright in order of intestate inheritance would have been eligible to act as administrator with the will annexed, therefore identifying the Austin Wright who was appointed as such administrator as a son of 1783 Robert Wright, even though he was not personally named as such in the will.

As set forth above, the will of 1783 Robert Wright did not dispose of his land, other that a request that it be sold, and the result was that under the intestate rule of primogeniture in Virginia at that time the land passed to the oldest son, subject to a life estate for the widow in ⅓ of the land. As set forth below, that oldest son was Augustine or Austin Wright who sold that land in 1786.

The 1784 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed

Augustine Wright with 1 white male over 21, 3 slaves over 16, 7 slaves under 16, 27 cattle, and 3 horses, including slaves Cate, Jenny, Phillis, Beck, Jacob, Jacob, Milley, Viney, Edy, and Amo(?).

The 1784 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, has not been found.

The 1785 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 1 white male over 21, 4 slaves over 16, 7 slaves under 16, 27 cattle, and 3 horses, including slaves Jacob, Kate, Jin, Beck, Jacob, Philis, Jacob, Milly, Winny, Edy, Amos, and Tary(?).

The 1785 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, has not been found and only alterations are available.

The 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 1 white male over 21, 4 slaves over 16, 9 slaves under 16, 29 cattle, and 3 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jane, Cate, Beck, Jacob, Phillis, Milly, Viny, Eady, Amos, Fan, Phil, and Jane.

The 1786 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, has not been found and only alterations are available.

On September 4, 1786, at Brunswick County, Virginia, D.B. 14/257, Augustine or Austin Wright sold to John Penn 175 acres of land in Brunswick County:

> "This Indenture made this fourth Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and eighty six Between Augustin Wright of Mecklenburg of the one part and John Penn of the County of Brunswick of the other part Witnesseth that the said Augustin Wright for and in consideration of the sum of one Hundred and six pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said John Penn the Receipt whereof he the said Augustin Wright doth hereby Acknowledge hath given Granted Bargained and sold and by these presents doth give Bargain and Sell unto the said John Penn his heirs and Assigns forever, one certain Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Brunswick and Containing by Estimation one hundred and Seventy five Acres be the same more or less Beginning at Walker's line where it crosses the gum branch thence along the said line to Samuel Brigg's Spring branch thence up the said branch to the head of a corner red oak thence by a line of marked trees to Stith's line thence up the said line to the gum Branch thence down the said branch to the Beginning together with all the house, woods, waters, and all other the Appurtenances thereunto Belonging, or in any wise appertaining To have and to hold the said Land and Appurtenances unto the said John Penn his heirs &c forever and the said Augustin Wright doth for himself and his Heirs Covenant and gree with the said John Penn that he the

said Augustin Wright and his heirs forever the above granted Land and Appurtenances unto the said John Penn his Heirs and Assigns forever, against all persons, shall and will warrant and forever defend; In Witness whereof the said Augustin Wright hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the Day and year above written

Austin Wright

Signed Sealed and Delivered)
in Presence of)
Samuel Briggs)
Reuben Wright
Robert Wright

Brunswick County Court 22d January 1787 This Indenture was proved by the oaths of Reubin Wright Samuel Briggs and Robert Wright the witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded.

Test"

Although the legal description in Brunswick County Deed 13/69 by which 1783 Robert Wright acquired this land is difficult to decipher, the similarities between that legal description and the one in this Brunswick County Deed 14/257 make clear that the same land was involved in both deeds.

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright on May 22, 1787, with 1 white male over 21, no white males between 16 and 21, 4 slaves over 16, 8 slaves under 16, 3 horses, and 27 cattle, including slaves Jacob, Jin, Beck, Kate, Jacob, Phillis, Milly, Vina, Eady, Amos, Phill, and Doll.

The 1787 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 150 acres of land.

The 1788 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright on May 22, 1788, with 1 white male over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 6 horses.

The 1788 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 150 acres of land.

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright on May 9, 1789, with 1 white male over 16, 6 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 3 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, Jin, Ball(?), Kate,

Phillis, and Milly.

The 1789 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 150 acres of land.

On October 9, 1789, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 7/583, Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and his wife Salley Wright sold to Sherwood Bugg the 150 acres on Flat Creek purchased by Mecklenburg County Deed 2/484:

> "This Indenture made this Ninth day of October Annodomi one thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine, Between Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County of the one part and Sherwood Bugg of the said County of the Other part Witnesseth that the said Austin Wright for and in Consideration of the Sum of One hundred and Eighty Pounds Current money to him in hand paid by the said Sherwood Bugg, the Receipt whereof I the said Austin Wright doth hereby Acknowledge and myself fully satisfied, hath Granted Bargained sold and by these presents doth grant Bargain Sell and Deliver unto the said Sherwood Bugg one Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing by Estimation One hundred and fifty Acres be the same more or less, situate lying and being in the Aforesaid County and Bounded as Followeth (to wit) Beginning at a hickory on Flat Creek thence Runing on Samuel Goodes line to a white Oak on Neds Branch, thence up the said Branch to a Poplar, thence to a white Oak Between Robert Turnbulls and the said Austin Wright, from thence down the Branch to an Oak on Flat Creek thence down the said Creek as it Meanders to the Beginning (Being the said Land the said Austin Wright Bought of Stephen Matsel) To have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land and premises together with the Appertenances thereunto Belonging or in any wise Appertaining to the only proper use and Behoof of him the said Sherwood Bugg his heirs and Assigns forever, and the said Austin Wright doth hereby Agree to and with the said Sherwood Bugg that is shall and may be Lawful for the said Sherwood Bugg his heirs and Assigns Peaceably and Quietly to have hold Occupy possess and Enjoy to his only proper use and Behoof, the Land and premises Aforesaid without any Interuption Claim or Demand of the said Austin Wright his heirs or any Other person or persons Whatsoever, and the said Austin Wright for himself his heirs the said Tract or parcel of Land, and premises to the said Sherwood Bugg his heirs and Assigns shall and will warrant and forever, defend against the Claim or Claims of all persons Whatsoever, In Witness the said Austin Wright hath hereunto Set his hand seal the day and year first Above Written
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> Austin Wright
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> Signed Sealed and Delivered)
> In presence of)
> Anthony Bennett
> his
> William X Rainey

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At a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for Mecklenburg County the 10th day of May 1790

This Indenture was proved by the Oaths of Anthony Bennett William Rainey and Anselm Bugg Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste
John Brown Cl: Cur:

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 11th day of April 1791

Salley Wright wife of Austin Wright a party to this Indenture personally appeared in Court and being privily examined voluntarily relinquished her right of dower in the estate conveyed by this Indenture

Teste
John Brown Cl: Cur:"

This record identifies the first wife of Augustine or Austin Wright as Salley (____) Wright.

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright on May 8, 1790, with 1 white male over 16, 6 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 5 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, Jane, Beck, Kate, Phillis, and Milly.

The 1790 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 234 acres of land, reflecting the purchase by Mecklenburg County Deed 8/6 set forth below.

The 1790 Census for Virginia, is no longer extant.

On September 11, 1790, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 8/6, Austin Wright purchased from Zacheriah and Anne Spurlock 258 acres of land on Cotton Creek in Mecklenburg County:

"This Indenture made this eleventh day of September Anno 1790: Between Zacheriah Spurlock of the County of Mecklenburg of the one part and Austin Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Zacheriah Spurlock for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred and Eighty pounds

Current money of Virginia to him in hand paid before Ensealing this Indenture by the said Austin Wright the receipt whereof the said Zacheriah doth hereby acknowledge hath given, granted, bargained, Sold and confirmed & by these presents doth give, grant, Bargain, Sell & confirm unto the said Austin Wright one Certain Tract or parcel of Land lying & being in the County of Mecklenburg containing by Estimation two hundred and fifty eight acres be the same more or less and bounded as Followeth, Viz, beginning at Freemans line on Cotton Creek thence along the said line East to Fields line - thence along the said Fields line to Whitlows corner thence down Whitlows line to where it intersects with Butlers line, thence South on the said Butlers line to the Corner on Cotton Creek - thence up the said Creek to the first station. & every part and parsell thereof and the reversion and remainders thereof To have and hold the said Land & premises together with all its appurtenances previledges, and profits either belonging or appurtaining in any manner whatsoever to him the said Austin Wright his heirs and assigns forever - and the said Zacheriah Spurlock for himself his heirs and Executors doth hereby Warrant and will forever defend the said Land & premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the Said Austin Wright his heirs and assigns forever, against the Claims of all and of every person Whatsoever. In Witness whereof the said Zacheriah Spurlock hath hereunto Set his hand & affixed his Seal - the day and year first above Written

Zacheriah his X mark Spurlock

Executed in presence of
Samuel Hopkins jr.
Thomas Langley
Sa. Hopkins S. A.
John McDaniel
John Holmes

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 14th day of February 1791

This Indenture was acknowledged by Zacheriah Spurlock a party thereto and Ordred to be recorded

Teste
John Brown Cl: Cur:

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 11th day of April 1791

Anne Spurlock wife of Zacheriah Spurlock to a party to this Indenture personally appeared in Court and being previly examined voluntarily relinquished her right of dower in the Estate conveyed by this Indenture

Teste
John Brown Cl: Cur:"

Cotton Creek is west of Route 1 and north of Palmer Springs in Mecklenburg County and flows north into the Roanoke River.

The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright on May 13, 1791, with 2 white males over 16, including John Wright, 6 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 7 horses, including slaves Kate, Jane, Beck, Phillis, Jacob, Jacob, and Milly. The absence of John Wright from the 1790 Tax List and his presence in the 1791 Tax List indicate that he was born after May 8, 1774, and before May 13, 1775.

The 1791 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Autgstine Wright with 234 acres of land.

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright on July 14, 1792, with 2 white males over 16, including John Wright, 6 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 6 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, Jin, Beck, Kate, Phillis, and Milley.

The 1792 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustin Wright with 234 acres of land.

On July 14, 1792, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 8/175, Austin Wright purchased from the Trustees of the Town of St. Taminy [Tammany] town lots 10 and 14, subject to his making improvements as required by the Act authorizing the establishment of the town:

> "This Indenture made this 14th day of July Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and ninety Two between Samuel Hopkins, Samuel Goode, William Davis, William Baskerville William Starling, Charles Davis and Edward Davis, Trustees Appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed at Richmond the 7th day of December 1791, entitled an "Act to establish Several towns, and for other purposes," of the One part and Austin Wright of the other part: Witnesseth, that the said Trustees, for and in consideration of the sum of nine pounds Three shillings to them in hand paid, by the said Austin Wright for the purposes in the said Act mentioned; the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, have, by Virtue of the powers in them Vested, given, granted bargained Sold, aliened, enfeoffed and Confirmed; and do by these presents give, grant, bargain, Sell, alien, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Austin Wright his heirs and Assigns forever Two Certain Lots or parcels of Land, lying, being

and Situate in the Town of Saint Taminy, in the County of Mecklenburg, Known and Destinguished by Numbers 10 & 14 in the plan or plot thereof. To Have and To Hold the said Lots or parcels of Land; together with all and Singular their previleges and Appurtenances, their rents, issues and profits; to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Austin Wright his heirs and Assigns forever; If he shall within five years, to be computed from the 14th: day of June 1792, cause such improvements to be made thereon, as is required by the said recited Act. And upon that Condition the said Trustees and their Successors will warrant, and forever defend the said lots or parcel of land to the said Austin Wright his heirs and Assigns against the Claim and Demand of themselves the said Trustees and their Successors, and against the Claim and demand of James Blanton his heirs or Assigns, and of all other parties claiming under him or them. But if the said Austin Wright his heirs or assigns, shall fail to comply with the above conditions, then the said Lots or parcels of land or such as he shall fail to Improve in such manner as is by said Act required shall revert to, and revest in the said Trustees, and their Successors, for the purposes mentioned in the said recited Act. In Witness whereof, the said Trustees have hereunto Subscribed their names and affixed their Seals, the day and year first above Written.

Samuel Hopkins
Samuel Goode
William Davis
W Baskerville
Edward Davis

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 10th: day of September 1792

This Indenture was acknowledged by Samuel Hopkins, Samuel Goode, William Baskerville and Edward Davis parties thereto and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
John Brown Cl: Cur:"

A History of Bracey, VA, by Verna Palmer Bracey and Susan Bracey Sheppard and available at https://www.sttammanyfarm.com/braceyva.html, provided in paret as follows with regard to Saint Tammany:

"Since 1900 Bracey has served approximately the same region as did its forerunner, Saint Tammany, which was established in 1792 and was the first incorporated town in Mecklenburg County.

The trade area of the town of Saint Tammany covered a large region on both the north and south sides of the Roanoke River (now Lake Gaston) and at least as far east as the Brunswick County line and as far west as Flat Creek. In 1762 a ferry went into operation from the land of Richard Fox on the south side of the Roanoke to that of James Blanton of the north. Thirty years later, as the result of

> a petition to the General Assembly, the town of Saint Tammany was laid out in 100 half acre lots on land belonging to Blanton, on a bluff overlooking the northern ferry landing. The road that ran north from the ferry landing to Petersburg became know as the Saint Tammany Road.
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> Thirty-nine people bought lots in the town during the first year of its existence. On lot 6, just above the ferry slip and on the west side of Saint Tammany Road, stood the tobacco warehouse, which survived until about 1930. . . . . Another store, a blacksmith shop, a tanyard, a tavern run by Samuel Lambert, and several houses (at least sixteen feet square) comprised the remainder of the original town. In 1798 a post office was established at Saint Tammany."

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 2 white males over 16, including John Wright, 7 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 5 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, Jin, Beck, Kate, Phillis, and Winney.

The 1793 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustin Wright with 235 acres of land.

The will of Robert Lark dated on February 8, 1793, and probated on June 10, 1793, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 3/163, listed Sarah Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . I Robert Lark of the County of Mecklenburg . . . . do Constitute and Appoint this to be my last Will and Testament . . . . Item I give unto my Daughter Sarah Wright one feather Bed and furniture one horse saddle & bridle (to be with Twenty five pounds) I also lend her during her Natural life Two negros Jacob and Jane with their present and future increase, and after her death, my desire is that they with the increase be equally divided between her Children, ..."

The slaves Jacob and Jane referred to in this Will were apparently the Jacob and Jane or Jin or Jenny who had been in the Augustine or Austin Wright household since 1784.

On November 15, 1793, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 8/376, Austin Wright witnessed the deed to Robert Wright from William and Elizabeth Price of a parcel of land in Mecklenburg County.

The 1794 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright with 1 white male over 16, 6 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 5 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, Jin, Beck, Kate, Phillis 16, and Viney 12.

The 1794 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustin Wright

with 235 acres of land.

On or before February 23, 1795, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 1799-005, Frederick Collier and his wife Ann (Lark) Collier filed suit against the heirs of Robert Lark for a share of the estate of Robert Lark promised him in anticipation of their marriage:

"To the Worshipfull Court of Mecklenburg Sitting in Chancery

Humbly Complaining Shew unto your Worships your Orator and Oratrix Frederick Collier & Ann his Wife.

That some time in the Year 1781 a marriage having been proposed between your Orator and your Oratrix who was then Ann Lark and Daughter of Robert Lark late of the said County now decd. whereupon the said Robert desirous of forwarding and promoting the match and for the advancement of his said Daughter therein Did openly publickly and in presence of Divers persons neighbours and others say promise and Declare, that in case your Orator did intermarry with his Daughter Ann, meaning your Oratrix, that he the said Robert would Give to your Orator, as much portion in Advancement with his said Daughter as should be of equal value all the Estate Real and personal which your said Orator at that time did or at the time of the marriage should possess in his own Right. That the said marriage was actually had & Solemnized in due form, with the perfect consent and agreement of the said Robert.

And your Orator & Oratrix further beg leave to set forth and Charge, that at the time of such promise and Declaration & also at the time of the intermarriage aforesaid, he your said Orator did possess in his own Right free from incumbrances Lands Slaves and personal Estate to the amount of ____ pounds current money - of which he is read to make proof when and before whome this Court shall appoint to enquire, & for which the said Robert agreable to his promise & Declaration aforesaid & in Consideration of the marriage having taken effect was bound in equity to have given to your Orator Real or personal Estate to an Equal value. Whereas in fact he the said Robert Lark made to your Orator & Oratrix no other or further advancement two negro Slaves of an inconsiderable value named George and Nell which said two slaves were delivered in possession as an Advancement in marriage to your Orator & Oratrix and which possession they have held quietly & peaceably ever Since to wit about fourteen years. no other part of the said promise being performed to this day. Whereas your Orator was justly and reasonably intitled to claim from the said Robert a further Advancement in addition to the said two negroes either real or personal to the full amount of ____ pounds as aforesaid Your Orator being able to prove the Contract & promise as herein set forth and his performance on his part thereof.

But now so it is may it please your Worships that the said Robert Lark having made & published his last Will & Testament bearing date the 8th day of February

1793 and therein Devised away not only all the rest of his real and personal Estate but pretending a Right also to the two negroes George and Nell so as aforesaid given in advancement to your Orator - hath also devised away these two also together with their present and future increase as will more fully appear by the said Will a copy whereof is hereunto annexed referred to and prayed to be taken as a part of this Bill. That by the said Will it appears a very great part of the Estate of the said Robert is lent to his Widow & Relict Mary Lark and the residue & remainder to Samuel Lark, Jacob Fox & Elizabeth his Wife Jones Taylor & Joyce his Wife, Augustine Wright and Sarah his Wife, Lark Fox and Samuel Lark junior who your Orator & Oratrix pray may be made Defendants hereunto together John Holmes Walter Leigh & Joshua Smith the Executors in the said Will named and In Tender Consideration of the premises as the said Executors have refused to Qualifie and no person hath yet taken Administration, and as your Orator and Oratrix are without redress at Law and only relievable in equity & to the end that the Defendants aforesaid, with such others as may be hereafter discovered & made parties with apt words to charge them may be compelled to Answer the premises upon oath fully Distinctly & particularly - that by a Decree of this Worshipfull Court your Orator and Oratrix may be quieted in their Title & possession of the two Negroes George and Nell and recover such further Estate real or personal as shall accomplish the full amount of the Estate your Orator possessed at the time of the said promise and marriage by such assessment or valuation as your Worships shall think proper to direct and that they may have such other & further relief as may be agreable to Equity they Humbly pray &c

Frederick Collier)
Anna Collier) Complts"

This record confirms the identity of Sarah "Salley" (Lark) Wright as the wife of Augustine or Austin Wright.

The 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, George, Jinny, Beck, Kate, Phillis, Viney, and Edy.

The 1795 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustin Wright with 235 acres of land.

On July 13, 1795, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 8/475, in the case of Collier vs. Lark et al, Sarah (Lark) Wright was named as one of the defendants:

"Frederick Collier and Anna his wife Plfs)
against)
Mary Lark, Samuel Lark, Jacob Fox and)

Elizabeth his wife, Augustine Wright and) In Chancery
Sarah his wife, John Holmes Walter)
Leigh and Joshua Smith Dfts)

The defts Jacob Fox and Elizabeth his wife Walter Leigh and Joshua Smith not having entered their appearance and given Security According to the Act of Assembly and the rules of this Court and It appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that they are not Inhabitants of this Commonwealth On the motion of the plts by their Counsel, it is Ordered that the said defts do Appear here On the Second monday in November next and Answer the bill of the plts; and that a Copy of this Order be forthwith inserted in some newspaper in Richmond or Petersburg for two months Successively and posted at the front of the Courthouse of this County."

The 1796 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, including slaves Jacob, George, Jacob, Jinny, Beck, Kate, Phillis, Viney, and Edy.

The 1796 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 235 acres of land.

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright immediately before Reuben Wright and with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, Jinny, Beck, Kate, Phillis, Viney, Amos, and Edy.

The 1797 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 235 acres of land.

On October 5, 1797, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 9/340, Austin Wright purchased from Samuel and Betty Hopkins 198 acres of land on Cotton Creek in Mecklenburg County:

"This Indenture made this fifty day of October one thousand Seven hundred and ninety Seven between Samuel Hopkins of the one part and Austin Wright of the other part Witnesseth that the said Samuel Hopkins for and in Consideration of the Just and full Quantity of Ten Thousand pounds of nett(?) Tobacco inspected at February(?) paid to him by the said Austin Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth give grant Bargain Sell and Confirm unto the Said Austin Wright his Heirs and assigns one certain Tract of Land Lying an Being in the County of Mecklenburg on the Waters of Cotton Creek and of Grady Branch and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a new Corner Black Jack near the said Branch thence a new line South 84 degrees West 67 poles to a Corner

Persimmon on a small branch thence north 87 degrees west 17 pole to a Sour(?) Srub(?) oak on the same Branch thence down the said Branch as it meanders to a corner Persimmon in Freemans line thence on his line north 33 degrees East 22 poles to the said Wrights Corner Black Jack Thence on his line North 38 Degrees East 191 pole to Corner pointers in his Line thence north 16 degrees West 23 pole to a Corner white oak in John Davis's Line thence on his line North 77(?) degrees East 35 pole to the road(?) leading from Burtons Ferry to the said Hopkins Residence thence along that as it meanders to a Corner Black Jack on the said road thence South 33 degrees West 58 pole to a corner Gum near the Ready Branch thence a new line south 43 Degrees West 66 pole to a corner red oak thence another new line South 26 degrees west 60 pole to the Beginning Containing one hundred and ninety eight Acres be the Same more or less Together with all profits or appurtenances thereunto appertaining or belonging unto the Said Austin Wright his Heirs and assigns forever To have and to hold the Said Tract of land and premises unto the Said Austin Wright his Heirs and assigns forever free from the Claim or Claims of the Said Samuel Hopkins his Heirs or any person or persons Claimin in under or by him or them as well as all other persons Whatsoever In Testimony whereof I the said Samuel Hopkins have hereunto Set my Hand and affixed my Seal the date above Written

Samuel Hopkins

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 9th day of October 1771

This Deed poll was acknowledged by Samuel Hopkins a party thereto and ordered to be recorded: and Betty Hopkins wife of the said Samuel Personally appeared in Court and Being privily examined Voluntarily relinquished her right of dower in the estate Conveyed by the Indenture

Teste
William Baskerville Cl Cur"

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright with 2 white males over 16, including son John Wright, 7 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 5 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, Jane, Kate, Beck, Phillis, Vine, and Amos.

The 1798 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 433 acres of land, reflecting the purchase of an additional 198 acres of land by Mecklenburg County Deed 9/340.

The 1798 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Augustine Wright with 433 acres of land.

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed

Austin Wright with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 4 blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, Jane, Beck, Philis, Kate, Vine 16, Amos, Phill, Betty 1, and Doll 12.

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 3 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, including slaves Jacob, Jacob, Cate, Ginney, Beck, Amos, Phillis 16, Phillip, Betty, and Dolly 12.

The 1800 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list an Augustine Wright, but apparently only one of two lists was microfilmed.

The 1800 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright with 2 white males over 16, including son John, and 8 blacks over 16, 5 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright with 1 white male over 16, 9 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright with 2 white males over 16, including his son Austin Wright, and 9 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright with 2 white males over 16, including his son of Austin, 9 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 6 horses.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright with 2 white males over 16, including his son of Austin, 8 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

On or before July 9, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Case 1852-226, Robert Wright and his wife Nancy (Wright) Wright filed suit against Nancy's father Austin Wright regarding ownership of slave Jane and her children:

> "To the Worshipful Court of Mecklenburg County sitting in Chancery your Orator & Oratrix Robert Wright and Nancy his wife humbly state,
>
> That your Oratrix Nancy is the daughter of Austin Wright residing in this County,

herein after called defendant; that when she was very young, and, as she has been informed, a sucking child, her grandfather Robert Lark, the father of her mother, made an absolute gift to her of a negro woman named Jane belonging to him, and delivered the said Negro to her father Austin Wright as Trustee for her benefit; that the said Austin Wright retained possession of the said Jane and her increase, without ever informing your Oratrix, when she grew old enough to be capable of understanding her rights, that the said slaves were her property; that your Orator Robert Wright intermarried with your Oratrix in the year 1792, at which time she was twenty years of age, but your Orator and Oratrix were never informed of their just title to the said slaves, and that evidence could be produced to establish their said title, until a little more than two years ago, the said Austin Wright having fraudulently kept the same a secret and appropriated to his own use the said negro woman Jane and her increase. Your Orator and Oratrix state that, since the gift to your Oratrix as aforesaid, the said Jane has had the following children, to wit, a daughter Betty aged about sixteen years, a daughter Easter about thirteen years old, a daughter Hannah about eleven years old, a son named Toney about nine years of age, a girl named June about seven years old, a boy named Abram about three years old, a girl named Maria about five years old, and a young child whose name is unkown to the Complainants; that the said Jane and her three last mentioned children are still in the possession of the said Austin Wright, but the other five have been sold or disposed of by him, fraudulently, and in violation of the trust reposed in him as aforesaid by your Oratrix's grandfather Robert Lark. And your Orator & Oratrix farther state that since they were apprized of their title to the said slaves, your Orator has repeatedly demanded the same of the said Austin Wright, but he hath always refused to deliver the same, pretending falsely and iniquitously that the same were his own property, all which conduct of the said Austin Wright is manifestly injurious and oppressive of your Orator & Oratrix, and contrary to equity and good conscience; and forasmuch as your Orator & Oratrix are without remedy at common law, and are properly only remediable in a Court of Equity, where frauds may be fully examined, the deft. being compelled to reveal on Oath such facts as lie altogether or chiefly within his own knowledge, and Trustees may be effectually compelled to do their duty; To the end therefore that the said Austin Wright may be held, as defendant to this Bill, to answer the same on Oath, and particularly, to say how many children the said negro Jane has had and what are their names, and ages? which of them he has sold? for how much? and to whom? - that the said defendant may say whether in fact the said negro Jane was not given to your Oratrix when very young by her grandfather Robert Lark?, and delivered to him the deft. as Trustee for her benefit? & that the said deft. may be compelled to render a just and true accompt of the value of the said Jane and her children and of the hire and profits of their labour; that by a decree of this Court the said deft. may be compelled to deliver to your Orator and Oratrix the said Jane, and such of her children as are now in his possession, and to pay the just value of those he has sold and disposed of, together with all the reasonable hire of each and all of the said slaves, which shall appear to be due to your Orator & Oratrix, on a fair accompt thereof, settled and adjusted

under the superintendance of this Court, and that the Court may make such other order or decree relative to the premises, as shall be consistent with equity and good conscience, and necessary to give your Orator and Oratrix effectual and complete relief, may it please your Worships to grant to your Orator & Oratrix a Writ or Writs of Subpoena, commanding the deft. &c and they will ever pray &c

Wm: Munford Atty
for pltffs"

On July 9, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Case 1852-226, a summons was issued to Austin Wright to answer the complaint of Robert and Nancy Wright;

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Mecklenburg County greeting You are hereby commanded to summon Austin Wright before the Justices of the County Court of Mecklenburg to appear at the Court house on the second monday in August next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Robert Wright and Nancy his wife - and this he shall in no wise omit under the Penalty of £100 and have then there this writ witness William Baskerville Clerk of our said Court the 9th day of July 1805 In the 30 year of the Commonwealth

W Baskerville"

As set forth above, slave Jenny or Jin or Jane or Jinney or Ginney had been included in Augustine Wright's Personal Property Tax Lists from and after 1784, but the will of Robert Lark purported to give a life estate in Jinny to Sarah (Lark) Wright with a remainder at her death to Sarah's children.

On August 12, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Case 1852-226, Austin Wright filed his affidavit of the need to take the deposition of Mary Lark, an old and inform material witness for his case:

"Mecklenburg County To wit.

I hereby certify that Augustine Wright made oath on this 12th day of August 1805 before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, that Mary Lark is a material witness to prove a material fact for him in the Suit depending in this Court between Robert Wright & his wife Nancy plaintiffs & himself defendant: which Suit has been instituted against him: that the said Mary is very old & infirm, & if her deposition be not speedily taken, he will very probably lose the benefit of her testimony.

Given under my hand the day & year above mentioned.

Peter Bailey"

On August 19, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Case 1852-226, Mary Lark gave her deposition that Robert Lark had given slave Ginny to Austin Wright:

"The deposition of Mary Lark of lawful age y__ first sworn taken at the house of Robt. Fox on Monday 19th Augst. in a suit in Chancery in the County Court of Mecklenburg wherein Robert Wright & Nancy his wife are plaintiffs and Austin Wright defendant. The said Mary Lark deposeth and saith that the day after Austin Wright married her daughter Sarah which she believes is upwards of thirty years her husband Robert Lark called up all his little negroes and told Austin Wright that he might take his choice of the whole except a certain boy named Hal, that accordingly the said Wright made choice of a Girl named Ginny; that she was delivered to him immediately and carried off in half an hour & has remained in his possession ever since, without interruption & further this deponent saith not.

Mary her X mark Lark

Mecklenburg County To Witt

The above deposition was this day sworn to before us by Mary Lark.

Given under our hands & Seals this 19th August 1805"

H FERRELL
Saml Holmes"

This record confirms the identity of Augustine Wright's wife as Sarah (Lark) Wright, the daughter of Robert and Mary Lark.

After the deposition of Mary Lark, the case lingered on the court docket, was continued from term to term, and then in November 1852 was finally dismissed.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright, Sr., on March 20, 1806, with 2 white males over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Marriages, 1770-1810, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Austin Wright, Sr., and Lucy Holloway on March 1, 1806, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Know all men by these presents that we Austin Wright Senr. & Francis Ballard

are held and firmly bound unto William H. Cabell Governor or Chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to the which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of our heirs exors and admors Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals & dated this 1st day of March 1806 In the 30 years of the Commonwealth

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound Austin Wright Senr. & Lucy Holloway then the above obligation to be Void else to remain in full force and Virtue

Austin Wright
Francis Ballard

Sealed & acknowledged)
In presence of)
David Dortch Junr"

This record indicates that Sarah (Lark) Wright had died before March 1, 1806.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, also listed the marriage of Austin Wright, Sr., and Lucy Holloway on March 1, 1806, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, Austin, Sr. & Lucy Holloway, 1 Mar. 1806, Francis Ballard sec."

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Austin Wright, Sr., and Lucy Holloway on March 1, 1806, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, Austin (Sr) & Lucy Holloway 1 Mar 1806; b - Francis Ballard"

Mecklenburg, Virginia, Marriages Index, 1765-1810, available from Ancestry.com, also listed the marriage of Austin Wright, Sr., and Lucy Holloway on March 1, 1806, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Name	Austin Wright
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	1 Mar 1806
Marriage Place	Mecklenburg, Virginia, USA
Spouse	Lucy Holloway
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The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed

Austin Wright, Sr., on April 13, 1807, with 1 white males over 16, 6 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, reflecting the removal of Austin Wright, Jr., from the household of his father.

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright on April 2, 1809, with 1 white males over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Austin Wright on March 20, 1810, with 2 white males over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 6 horses, reflecting the probable return of Austin Wright, Jr., to his father's household.

The 1810 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright on March 28, 1811, with 2 white males over 16, 8 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 6 horses. This record reflects the attainment of age 16 by a third son of Augustine or Austin Wright.

In or before November 1811 in the case of Ferguson v. Holloway, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Court Case 1813-012, Joseph Ferguson filed a petition to sell certain slaves left by John Ballard in a life estate for his daughter Becky (Ballard) Holloway and divide the proceeds among Becky's children, including Lucy (Holloway) Wright, the wife of Austin Wright, Sr.:

> "To the worshipful Court of Mecklenburg County in Chancery sitting humbly complaining sheweth . . . . That the sd John Ballard has since departed this life together with the said Becky Holloway mother to your Oratrix leaving eight children, to wit . . . . Lucy, now the wife of Austin Wright, ... such is the situation of your complainant that he suggests to your worships the propriety of selling the sd. slaves upon a credit of twelve months and that the proceeds of the sale be equally divided amongst the children of the sd. Becky Holloway . . . .
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The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on March 16, 1812, with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright on March 15, 1813, with 1 white male over 16, 8 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 6 horses.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on April 2, 1814, with 2 white males over 16, 9 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 6 horses.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on April 1, 1815, with 2 white males over 16, 9 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, 2 blacks between 9 and 12, and 5 horses.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on April 9, 1816, with 2 white males over 16, 9 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on April 16, 1817, with 2 white males over 16, no free negroes over 16, 9 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on February 9, 1818, with 1 white male over 16, 9 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 7 horses.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two

Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on May 20, 1819, with 1 white male over 16, 8 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 7 horses.

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on March 27, 1820, with 1 white male over 16, 9 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 7 horses.

The 1820 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wright, Jr.'s, one with a male aged 26 to 25 and the other with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Austin Wright Junr	1	45+	1	45+	
	1	26-45	1	26-45	
	1	16-26	1	10-16	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
9			1	45+
			3	26-45
			2	14-26
			3	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
2	45+					
1	26-45					
2	14-26					
3	0-14					

This record indicates that Austin Wright, Sr., and his second wife Lucy (Holloway) Wright were born before about 1775. Either Austin Wright, Jr., was treated as the head of this household or the census taker inadvertently listed Austin Wright, Sr., as Jr.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two

Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on February 15, 1821, with 11 blacks over 12 and 7 horses.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on March 7, 1822, with 9 blacks over 12 and 6 horses.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Austin Wright who was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on March 17, 1823, with 9 blacks over 12 and 6 horses.

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Austin Wright who was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on April 19, 1824, with 11 blacks over 12 and 6 horses.

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., and the other of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on March 26, 1822, with 11 blacks over 12 and 7 horses.

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Austin Wright who was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on February 17, 1826, with 10 blacks over 12 and 8 horses.

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Austin Wright who was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on February 21, 1827, with 10 blacks over 12 and 6 horses.

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Austin Wright who was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on April 16, 1828, with 8 blacks over 12 and 6 horses.

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Austin Wright who was listed as Austin Wright, Sr., on April 1, 1829, with 6 blacks over 12 and 6 horses.

The will of Austin Wright was dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, was probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia being Sound of mind memory & understanding do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament, revoking & annulling all or any other Will or Wills by me at my time hereto fore made. I will & direct that all my just debts (of which there are but few) be paid as soon as practicable by my Executor herein after named.

Imprimis I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Lucy Wright & her Heirs forever, one feather Bed & furniture, first choice I lend unto my said Wife Lucy One negroe man named nicholas & one negroe Boy named Caesar during her natural life or Widowhood, and at her death I Give devise and bequeath the said two negroes above named to my daughter Rebecca B. Farrer and to her heirs forever I further lend unto my said Wife Lucy as aforesaid One negroe man named Jacob & one negroe Woman named phillis and it is my Will & desire that should these two last named negroes or either of them, Survive my said Wife, the one surviving or both, shall be permitted to select and make choice of a future home under the Guardianship & direction of my said Executor hereafter named after the fulfillment & conditions above named. I Give devise and bequeath unto my son Samuel Wright One feather Bed & furniture second choice to him and his Heirs forever I Give and Bequeath unto my daughters nancy Wright Betsey Kendrick Polly Holloway, Martha Turner Jenny Potter & Sally clements each one dollar I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more.

I Give devise & Bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca B. Farrer my desk & large dining Table to her & her heirs forever.

I further Will and direct that my Executor hereafter named Shall as soon after my decease as may be convenient just and proper, proceed to sell on such credit or otherwise as he may think most conducive to the interest of the concern'd & to the just and speedy payment of any debt or debts that may remain due by me at the time of my death. The entire of my landed Estates. The following negroes, amos, Daniel, William, Edmond, Fanny & her Youngest child & all Other increase at the time of my decease, together with the Whole of my stock of Horses, cattle, sheep, Hogs, Household & Kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of, plantation tools crop of all Sorts, that may be on hand or depending at my death. The amount of such sale & sales together with any monies Bonds judgments or debts that may be due me. I Will and direct after all my Just debts shall be paid & satisfied the Ballance Remaining shall be divided as follows, one third thereof, I Give and bequeath unto my Wife Lucy one third thereof, I Give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Wright to be placed by my Executor in the hands of my friend & neighbor Nathl. Alexander Esq: with an earnest request from me that he Will hold it & dispose of it from time to time for the sole use and benefit of my

said Son Samuel. and one third I hereby Give and bequeath unto my said daughter Rebecca B. Farrer to her & her heirs forever and Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my son in law William H. Farrer Without security or appraisment Specially, Sole executor of this my last Will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Austin Wright Senr

Signed Sealed acknowledged)
& declared in presence of)
W. S. Bailey
Jno. Smith
Jno. Owen, Jr.

A Codicil to my last Will and testament which I have here solemnly appended and desire may constitute & make part of my said Will within Written & subscribed to (that is to say that instead of one third the amount of sales after payment of my Just debts [obscured portion] I give devise and bequeath unto my son Samuel Wright one half the amount thereof the remainder or the other half I Will and direct Shall be equally divided between my said Wife Lucy Wright & my daughter Rebecca B. Farrer to whom & their Heirs forever I give the same In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this eleventh day of May 1829.

Austin Wright senr

In presence of
Wm. S. Bailey
John Smith
Jno. Owen, Jr.

Mecklenburg County State of Virginia

Whereas I Austin Wright Senr. of the county and State aforesaid (having by my Will made no provision for a home for the Wife and children of my son Austin Wright Junr. and Knowing at my death they will be without one, do now prompted by the natural love and affection I bear them make this a codicil to be annexed to my Will now in the possession of Nathaniel Alexander It is my desire and I do by these presents lend to my said son Austin during the life of himself and wife all the land I hold below and East of Hicks Ferry Road containing by Recent survey Sixty two acres and after the Death of himself & wife It is my desire that the said land be Equally divided between his two youngest sons Baldy Wright & Mark Wright to Whom I give it in fee simple. In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of October 1829.

Austin Wright sen:

Signed Sealed and)
Delivered in presence of)
John Smith
Wm. Freeman
James Burroughs.

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County for the 21st day of December 1829

The Within Written last Will and testament of Austin Wright Sen decd. with the Codicils thereon written and annexed was produced in open Court and the aforesaid Will and Codicils thereon Written being fully proven by the oaths of W. S. Bailey and John Smith and the annexed Codicil being proven by the oaths of John Smith and Wm: Freeman and Ordered to be recorded.

and on motion of W. H. Farrer the exec therein named who made oath thereto according to law and entered in Bond in the penalty of $6000 there being no security required by the direction of Said Will. Certificate is granted him for obtaining probat thereof in due form

Teste Edward L. Tabb clk"

This record identifies the family of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright as follows:

Wife: Lucy (____) Wright

Children:

1) Rebecca B. (Wright) Farrer, wife of William H. Farrer,
2) Samuel Wright,
3) Nancy Wright,
4) Betsey (Wright) Kendrick,
5) Polly (Wright) Holloway,
6) Martha (Wright) Turner,
7) Jenny (Wright) Potter,
8) Sally (Wright) Clements
9) Austin Wright,
10) Robert Wright, and
11) John Wright, deceased.

Grandchildren, children of Austin Wright, Jr.:

1) Baldy Wright, and

2) Mark Wright.

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list an Austin Wright, Sr., consistent with his death in 1829.

The 1830 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright, Sr., Est with 371¾ acres of land on Cotton Creek and his son Austin Wright Junr with 62 acres of land on Cotton Creek.

On August 16, 1830, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/272, a list of sales of the estate of Austin Wright, Sr., made on January 4, 1830, was filed showing sales to Lucy Wright, Reuben Wright, Austin Wright, and William H. Farrer, among others.

On August 20, 1832, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 13/44, an accounting for the estate of Austin Wright dated June 5, 1832, was filed showing a balance of $1,686.69

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright and Sarah "Salley" (Lark) Wright were the following:

1) Nancy (Wright) Wright, born in about 1772,

2) John Wright, born after May 8, 1774, and before May 13, 1775,

3) Elizabeth (Wright) Kendrick, born between about 1775 and 1780 or in about 1777 or on February 9, 1777, in Virginia,

4) Mary (Wright) Holloway, born between about 1765 and 1784,

5) Martha (Wright) Turner, born between about 1775 and 1780,

6) Jane (Wright) Potter, born in about 1781 or 1782 in Virginia,

7) Austin Wright, Jr., born after about 1786 and before about 1787,

8) Sarah L. (Wright) Clements, born between about 1780 & 1790,

9) Robert Wright, born between about 1775 and 1794 and probably before March 15, 1790, and

10) Samuel Wright, and

the child of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright and Lucy (Holloway) Wright was the following:

1) Rebecca B. (Wright) (Farrar) Medley, born in about 1808 in Virginia.

1. Nancy (Wright) Wright, Her Husband 1810/14 Robert Wright Of Mecklenburg County, And Her Descendants

Nancy (Wright) Wright was a daughter of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

The family of 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County included a number of Robert Wrights and as Lucius F. Wright noted in Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820, it is sometimes difficult to separate which documents belong to which Robert Wright.

As set forth above, the will of 1783 Robert Wright dated on August 11, 1781, named one of his sons as Robert Wright who is discussed more fully below. No record has been found after August 28, 1787, that can be clearly identified with this Robert Wright.

As set forth above, the will of 1783 Robert Wright's son 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County dated on May 11, 1829, named one of his sons as Robert Wright who has been identified as Robert Wright, Jr., (Warren County, North Carolina) who married Rebecca (Turner) Wright and moved to Warren County, North Carolina and who is discussed more fully below.

As set forth below, the will of 1819 Reuben Wright dated on December 10, 1816, named his deceased son Robert Wright who is discussed in this section and referred to as 1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County.

The 1784 through 1789 Personal Property Tax Lists for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright.

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed a Robert Wright immediately after Reuben Wright with 1 white tithe, no negro tithes, no negroes between 12 and 16, and 1 horse. This listing of 1 white tithe and 1 horse is the typical listing for a person with a newly established household. The first appearance of this Robert Wright in the 1790 Tax List indicates that he was born before about 1774.

The 1790 Census for Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 1 white tithes, no black tithes, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2

horses.

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with 1 white tithes, no black tithes, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Marriages, 1770-1810, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Nancy Wright and Robert Wright of Brunswick County on November 16, 1792, with Austin Wright as surety:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Robert Wright of Brunsk. County & Austin Wright of Mclenbg are held and firmly bound unto Henry Lee esqr Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just Sum of fifty pounds Current money to the wch. payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of our heirs exors and admors jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 16th day of Novr. 1792
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> The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if there be no Lawfull cause to Obstruct a marriage intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound Robert Wright and Nancy Wright then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue
>
> Robert Wright
> Austin Wright
>
> Sealed and Delivered)
> in the presence of)
> W Baskerville"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Nancy Wright and Robert Wright of Brunswick County on November 16, 1792, with Austin Wright as surety:

> "Wright, Robert & Nancy Wright 16 Nov 1792; b - Austin Wright Robert from Brunswick County"

As set forth below, Mecklenburg County Chancery Court Case 1852-226, identified the Nancy (Wright) Wright of this record as the daughter of 1829 Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County. And the only Robert Wright identified in Brunswick County in 1792 was Robert Wright, the son of 1819 Reuben Wright, and therefore, this record was for him.

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed

Robert Wright with 1 white tithes, no black tithes, no black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

On November 15, 1793, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 8/376, Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County purchased from William and Elizabeth Price a parcel of land in Mecklenburg County:

> "This Indenture made this fifteenth day of November One Thousand Seven hundred and ninety three between William Price of the County of Mecklenburg of the one part, and Robert Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Price for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fourteen pounds Six Shillings and eight pence, Current money Virginia to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged, hath bargained Sold, & Confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, Sell, enfeoff and Confirm unto the said Robert Wright his heirs and assigns One Certain tract or parcel of land lying in Mecklenburg County and bounded as followeth Beginning at a Corner Gum in the Country line on the round hill branch thence West on the Country line to a Corner where (formerly Fields) now the line of Samuel Hopkins jr Intersects the said Country line thence by the lines of the said Samuel Hopkins jr until it Intersects the line (formerly William Price) now John Hopkins, thence on the said John Hopkins's line until it Corners on a pine on the Round hill Branch, thence down the branch as it meanders to the first Station Together with all the Appurtenances, Franchises, rights, issues, profits and Hereditaments thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining, to the said Robert Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever. To have and to hold the aforesaid Tract or parcel of land and premises, to the said Robert Wright, his heirs and assigns forever; and the aforesaid William Price doth hereby Covenant to and with the said Robert Wright that the aforesaid land and premises he for himself and his heirs, will forever Warrant to the said Robert Wright his Heirs and Assigns against the Claim and claims of him the said William Price his Heirs, and of all other persons whatsoever
>
> In Testimony whereof the said William Price hath hereunto set his hand and Affixed his Seal the day and year above written
>
> William Price
>
> Executed in presence
> of us
> Wm. Moss
> David Moss
> Austin Wright
>
> At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 13th day of January 1794
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> This Deed poll was Acknowledged by William Price a party thereto and Ordered

to be recorded

Teste
John Brown Cl Cur.

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the [obscured] day of february(?) 1794

Elizabeth Price wife of William Price a party to this Deed poll personally appeared in Court and being privily Examined Voluntarily relinquished her right of dower in the Estate conveyed by the said Indenture

Teste
John Brown Cl: Cur:"

Although the amount of acreage purchased was not stated in the deed, the Land Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County indicate that it was for 172 acres.

The 1794 and later Personal Property Tax Lists for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright, consistent with his move from Brunswick County to Mecklenburg County as evidenced by Mecklenburg County Deed 8/376.

The 1794 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright.

The 1794 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright.

The 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 1 white male over 16, 1 slave over 16, 1 slave between 12 and 16, and 1 horse, including slaves Milly and Mike.

The 1795 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with 172 acres of land, reflecting his purchase by Mecklenburg County Deed 8/376.

As set forth above, (1) the will of 1783 Robert Wright gave slaves Milly and Silvy to his son Robert Wright, (2) the Brunswick County Tax Lists do not list Robert Wright but the 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with 6 taxable persons and 2 tithes, including slaves Milly and Silvy, (3) the 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reubin Wright with 9 taxable persons and 3 tithes, including slave Mike, and (4) Mary (____) Wright died in 1794, and (5) the 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed 1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County with slaves Mike and Milly. The

absence of further records for Robert Wright (Brunswick County) after 1787 and the presence of slaves Mike and Milly in the Mary Wright and Reuben Wright households in 1786 and then in the 1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County household in 1795 indicate that Robert Wright (Brunswick County), the son of 1783 Robert Wright, had probably died in about 1787 and that the slave Milly who belonged to Robert Wright (Brunswick County) from his father's will and had been in Mary Wright's household and the slave Mike who belonged to 1819 Reuben Wright were then given to 1819 Reuben Wright's son 1810/14 Robert Wright when that Robert Wright established his own household with his wife Nancy in 1792 and those slaves then went with 1810/14 Robert Wright and his wife Nancy (Wright) Wright when they moved in about 1795 to Mecklenburg County.

The 1796 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright immediately adjacent to Reuben Wright and with 1 white male over 16, 2 slaves over 16, no slaves between 12 and 16, and 1 horse, including slaves Mike and Milly.

The 1796 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with 172 acres of land.

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 1 white male over 16, 2 slaves over 16, no slaves between 12 and 16, and 1 horse, including slaves Mike and Milly.

The 1797 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with 172 acres of land.

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses, including slaves Mike and Milly.

The 1798 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with 172 acres of land.

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with the following household:

List of the Taxable Property within the District of John Holmes Commissioner of the Tax in the County of Mecklenburg for the year 1799	White over 16	Blacks over 16	Blacks over 12 & under
Robert Wright	1	3	.

Robin, Mike, Milley
16

Horses Mares
Colts Mules

2

The 1799 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following property:

	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Amount of Value of Lands	Amount of Tax on Land Dollars/Cts
Robt Wright	172	1.32	237.04	1.19

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse, including slaves Mike and Milley 16.

The 1800 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Reuben Wright, but it appears that only one of two lists was microfilmed.

The 1800 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright immediately adjacent to Austin Wright with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

On December 5, 1802, at Meckenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 11/349, Robert Wright executed a mortgage to Curby Langford, as Trustee, as to his 172 acres of land and certain personal property to secure a debt of £89, 14 shillings, 3 pence due to

Richard Russell:

"This Indenture made this 5th day of December 1802 Between Robert Wright of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia of the one part and Richard Russell of the County of Warren and State of N. Carolina of the second part and Curby Langford of the same County and State of [dark image and unreadable] In hand paid the Receipt whereof he do hereby Acknowledge have granted bargained Sold Aliened Released Enfeoffed and Confirmed unto the said Richard Russell his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns one certain Tract or Parcell of Land lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia containing by Estimation one hundred and Seventy two Acres more or less (to wit) Beginning at a corner black Gum on the Country line on a Branch on Amasa Palmers Reuben Wrights and Jacob Shorts corner thence West along the said County line to a corner on Curb Langfords line thence North along the said Langfords line to Lucy Cunninghams corner thence East along the said Cunninghams line to a corner Pine on Reuben Wrights line near the head of a Branch thence East down said Branch to the beginning also one Bed and furniture one Colt thirteen head Hogs all my Corn now Cribed supposed to be thirty Barrells two Stacks Blades and all my Tobacco now hanging in my Barn supposed to be twelve hundred weight To have and to hold the aforesaid Land and other Property with their and every of their Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Curby Langford his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns upon Special Trust that is to say that if the said Robert Wright his heirs and Assigns pay or Cause to be paid unto the said Curby Langford for Richard Russell the Sum of Eighty nine pounds fourteen Shillings and three pence Virginia money with lawful Interest thereon to be paid on or before the first day of April next for the Redemption of the said bargained Premises then this Indenture to be void and of none Effect but in case he fails therein it shall and may be lawful for the said Curby Langford first Advertizeing the day & Place in the aforesaid County Ten days previous notice to make Sale of the aforesaid Land and Premises also the other property for the best Price that may be had in ready Money and out of such Sale to pay himself the aforesaid Sum of Eighty nine Pounds 14/3 V: money with lawful Interest thereon and Costs for recording and all other contingent Charges attending the same the balance if any to be paid to the said Robert Wright his Heirs Executors and Assigns In Witness whereof the parties to these Presents has hereunto set their hands and Seal this 5th day of December Eighteen hundred and two

Robert his X mark Wright

Curby Langford

Richard Russell

Signed, Sealed, & delivered)
In Presence of)
Presley Hinton

William B. Langley
Thomas Wright

At a Quarterly Court held for Mecklenburg County the 14th day of March 1803

[Dark image and not readable] poll of Trust was Acknowledged by Robert Wright [Dark image and not readable] as to him"

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

On January 9, 1804, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 12/22, Robert Wright and his wife Nancy Wright sold to Donnalson Potter their 172 acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

"This Indenture made this 9th day of January one thousand Eight hundred and four Between Donnalson Potter of the one part & Robert Wright and Nancy his wife of the other part of the County of Mecklenburg Witnesseth that the said Robert Wright for and in Consideration of the Sum of one hundred and twenty nine pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged hath bargained Sold and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain Sell and Confirm unto the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and Assigns one Certain Tract or Parcell lying in Mecklenburg County and bounded as followeth Beginning at a Corner Gum in the County line on the Round Hill Branch thence West on the County line to a Corner where (formerly Feilds) now line of Samuel Hopkins jr Intersects the said County line thence by the lines of the said Samuel Hopkins Junr untill it Intersects the line of (formerly William Price) now John Hopkins thence on the said John Hopkins line untill it Corners on a Pine on the Round Hill Branch thence down the Branch as it meanders to the first Station together with all the appurtenances Franchises rights Issues Profits and Hereditaments thereunto belonging or in any wise Appertaining to the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and Assigns forever To have and to hold the aforesaid Tract of Land and Premises to the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and Assigns forever and the aforesaid Robert Wright doth hereby Covenant to and with the said Donnalson Potter that the aforesaid Land and Premises he for himself and his heirs will forever Warrant to the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and Assigns against the Claim and Claims of him the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and of all other Persons whatsoever In Testimony whereof the said Robert Wright hereunto set his hand & affixed his Seal the day & year above Written

Robert Wright
Nancy Wright

Executed in Presence of
Curby Langford
Joseph F Speed
Austin Wright Junr
Isham Fox

At a Quarterly Court held for Mecklenburg County the 14th day of May 1804

This Indenture was Acknowledged by Robert Wright and Nancy his wife she having been first privily Examined as the Law directs and ordered to be Recorded

Teste
William Baskerville Cl: Cur:"

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

As set forth above in the section on 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright, on or before July 9, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Case 1852-226, Robert Wright and his wife Nancy (Wright) Wright filed suit against Nancy's father Austin Wright regarding ownership of slave Jane and her children:

"To the Worshipful Court of Mecklenburg County sitting in Chancery your Orator & Oratrix Robert Wright and Nancy his wife humbly state,

That your Oratrix Nancy is the daughter of Austin Wright residing in this County, herein after called defendant; that when she was very young, and, as she has been informed, a sucking child, her grandfather Robert Lark, the father of her mother, made an absolute gift to her of a negro woman named Jane belonging to him, and delivered the said Negro to her father Austin Wright as Trustee for her benefit; that the said Austin Wright retained possession of the said Jane and her increase, without ever informing your Oratrix, when she grew old enough to be capable of understanding her rights, that the said slaves were her property; that your Orator Robert Wright intermarried with your Oratrix in the year 1792, at which time she was twenty years of age, but your Orator and Oratrix were never informed of their just title to the said slaves, and that evidence could be produced to establish their said title, until a little more than two years ago, the said Austin Wright having fraudulently kept the same a secret and appropriated

to his own use the said negro woman Jane and her increase. Your Orator and Oratrix state that, since the gift to your Oratrix as aforesaid, the said Jane has had the following children, to wit, a daughter Betty aged about sixteen years, a daughter Easter about thirteen years old, a daughter Hannah about eleven years old, a son named Toney about nine years of age, a girl named June about seven years old, a boy named Abram about three years old, a girl named Maria about five years old, and a young child whose name is unkown to the Complainants; that the said Jane and her three last mentioned children are still in the possession of the said Austin Wright, but the other five have been sold or disposed of by him, fraudulently, and in violation of the trust reposed in him as aforesaid by your Oratrix's grandfather Robert Lark. And your Orator & Oratrix farther state that since they were apprized of their title to the said slaves, your Orator has repeatedly demanded the same of the said Austin Wright, but he hath always refused to deliver the same, pretending falsely and iniquitously that the same were his own property, all which conduct of the said Austin Wright is manifestly injurious and oppressive of your Orator & Oratrix, and contrary to equity and good conscience; and forasmuch as your Orator & Oratrix are without remedy at common law, and are properly only remediable in a Court of Equity, where frauds may be fully examined, the deft. being compelled to reveal on Oath such facts as lie altogether or chiefly within his own knowledge, and Trustees may be effectually compelled to do their duty; To the end therefore that the said Austin Wright may be held, as defendant to this Bill, to answer the same on Oath, and particularly, to say how many children the said negro Jane has had and what are their names, and ages? which of them he has sold? for how much? and to whom? - that the said defendant may say whether in fact the said negro Jane was not given to your Oratrix when very young by her grandfather Robert Lark?, and delivered to him the deft. as Trustee for her benefit? & that the said deft. may be compelled to render a just and true accompt of the value of the said Jane and her children and of the hire and profits of their labour; that by a decree of this Court the said deft. may be compelled to deliver to your Orator and Oratrix the said Jane, and such of her children as are now in his possession, and to pay the just value of those he has sold and disposed of, together with all the reasonable hire of each and all of the said slaves, which shall appear to be due to your Orator & Oratrix, on a fair accompt thereof, settled and adjusted under the superintendance of this Court, and that the Court may make such other order or decree relative to the premises, as shall be consistent with equity and good conscience, and necessary to give your Orator and Oratrix effectual and complete relief, may it please your Worships to grant to your Orator & Oratrix a Writ or Writs of Subpoena, commanding the deft. &c and they will ever pray &c

Wm: Munford Atty
for pltffs"

This record indicates that Nancy (Wright) Wright was born in about 1772.

On July 9, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Case 1852-226, a

summons was issued to Austin Wright to answer the complaint of Robert and Nancy Wright;

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Mecklenburg County greeting You are hereby commanded to summon Austin Wright before the Justices of the County Court of Mecklenburg to appear at the Court house on the second monday in August next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Robert Wright and Nancy his wife - and this he shall in no wise omit under the Penalty of £100 and have then there this writ witness William Baskerville Clerk of our said Court the 9th day of July 1805 In the 30 year of the Commonwealth
>
> W Baskerville"

On August 12, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Case 1852-226, Austin Wright filed his affidavit of the need to take the deposition of Mary Lark, an old and inform material witness for his case:

> "Mecklenburg County To wit.
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> I hereby certify that Augustine Wright made oath on this 12th day of August 1805 before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, that Mary Lark is a material witness to prove a material fact for him in the Suit depending in this Court between Robert Wright & his wife Nancy plaintiffs & himself defendant: which Suit has been instituted against him: that the said Mary is very old & infirm, & if her deposition be not speedily taken, he will very probably lose the benefit of her testimony.
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> Given under my hand the day & year above mentioned.
>
> Peter Bailey"

On August 19, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Case 1852-226, Mary Lark gave her deposition that Robert Lark had given slave Ginny to Austin Wright:

> "The deposition of Mary Lark of lawful age y__ first sworn taken at the house of Robt. Fox on Monday 19th Augst. in a suit in Chancery in the County Court of Mecklenburg wherein Robert Wright & Nancy his wife are plaintiffs and Austin Wright defendant. The said Mary Lark deposeth and saith that the day after Austin Wright married her daughter Sarah which she believes is upwards of thirty years her husband Robert Lark called up all his little negroes and told Austin Wright that he might take his choice of the whole except a certain boy named Hal, that accordingly the said Wright made choice of a Girl named Ginny; that she was delivered to him immediately and carried off in half an hour & has remained in his possession ever since, without interruption & further this deponent saith not.

her
Mary X Lark
mark

Mecklenburg County To Witt

The above deposition was this day sworn to before us by Mary Lark.

Given under our hands & Seals this 19th August 1805"

H FERRELL
Saml Holmes"

After the deposition, the case lingered on the court docket, was continued from term to term, and then in November 1852 was finally dismissed.

The 1806 through 1810 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright.

The 1810 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright.

As set forth below, Robert Wright apparently moved to Warren County, North Carolina.

Deed Books 15 and 16 for Warren County, North Carolina, for the period from 1796 to 1804 are no longer extant.

The Index of Deeds for Warren County, North Carolina, for Deed Books 17, 18, and 19 for the period from 1804 through 1816 does not list a deed to Robert Wright.

The 1808 Tax List for Warren County, North Carolina, available from List Of Taxables, Warren County Tax Lists From Originals Thomas M. Pittman Private Collection, 1792-1878, listed Robert Wright with 100 acres of land.

"Robert Wright
Land 100
White 1
poll(?) .

The document by which he acquired that 100 acres has not as yet been found.

The 1810 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed Robert Wright with the following household on August 6, 1810:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
Robert Wright	1	45+	1	26-45		
	1	0-10	2	10-16		
			3	0-10		

This record indicates that Robert Wright was born before about 1765 and that Nancy (Wright) Wright was born between about 1775 and 1784.

The 1815 Tax Lists for Warren County, North Carolina, available at North Carolina Digital Collections, do not list a Robert Wright, indicating that he had probably died before 1815.

No estate administration for 1810/14 Robert Wright has as yet been found in Warren County, North Carolina.

The will of Reuben Wright dated on December 10, 1816, and probated on May 17, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/40, listed Robert Wright as his then deceased son:

> "In the name of God amen, I, Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, ... do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as following: Imprimus, I give and bequeath to all the surviving children of my son Robert Wright decd one seventh part of all the property I leave in possession of my wife after her death to them and their heirs forever.
> . . . .
> Item, after the death of my wife, it is my will and desire that all the property that she may die in possession of be sold, and after paying one seventh to the children of my son, Robert Wright decd for the balance to be equally divided amongst my six children above mentioned.
> . . . .
> In testament whereof I have hereunto set my seal this 10" day of December 1816
>
> Signed Sealed and acknowl-edged in presence of Jesse Dortch Jane S. Langley
> . . . ." Reuben his + Mark Wright

This record indicates that 1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County had died before December 10, 1816.

The 1820 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Nancy Wright with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Nancy Wright	1	0-10	1	45+	
			2	10-15	
			1	0-10	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
						5

This record indicates that Nancy (Wright) Wright was born before about 1775.

On March 16, 1824, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 21/18, John C. Carrol and his wife Sally (Wright) Carrol of Warren County, North Carolina, sold to William Wright of Mecklenburg County her interest as a daughter of Robert Wright and granddaughter of Reuben and Charlotte Wright in the estates of Reuben Wright and Charlotte Wright:

> "This Indenture made this Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between John C Carrol and Sally Carrol formerly Sally Wright now the Wife of the said John C Carrol of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia of the one part and William Wright of the said County and State of Virginia of the other part Whereas the said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol his Wife for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred & Seventy eight dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and they the said John C Carrol & Sally Carrol his Wife themselves their Several and seperate heirs Executors administrators and assigns from all and any part of the said Sum of one hundred and seventy eight dollars. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that whereas the said Sally Carrol formerly Sally Wright by the last will and testament of Reuben Wright Senr. of Mecklenburg County deceased the said Sally Carrol being grand Daughter of the said Reuben became entitled under said will to a share or ratable part of the Estate of the said Reuben devised and bequeathed by him to the heirs of his son

Robert Wright (the said Sally Carrol being one) the said Robert having died in the lifetime of his said Father Reuben the testator last named and the said Reuben by his said will bequeathed to his wife Charlotte Wright during her natural life or widowhood the whole of his real and personal Estate and at his death to be disposed of and divided as therein directed and appointed therein his son William Wright a party to this Indenture Executor of his said will, and whereas the Said Charlotte hath departed this life whereby the said Sally Carroll formerly Sally Wright hath become entitled to one forty second part of the share bequeathed by the will of the said Reuben to the heirs of his son Robert as also the like share of the personal Estate of the said Charlotte she having died intestate and the Said William having qualified as Executor of the said Reuben and also having been duly granted administration of the Estate of the Said Charlotte hath become legally invested with the management and direction of said Estates, and they the said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol his Wife for and in Consideration of the premises aforesaid and of the payment of the said One hundred and Seventy eight dollars to them in hand made by the said William. Have this day bargained released and Sold unto the said William all their right title and Interest which they the said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol or either or both of them had at any time heretofore or might or could have heretofore in either of the said Estate of the Said Reuben and Charlotte in law or in equity and they the said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol his wife for themselves their Several and Seperate heirs Executors administrators and assigns do by these presents fully and wholly acquit exonerate and discharge the Said William his heirs Executors administrators and assigns from all and every Claim or claims and from all and every other use profit or advantage that might or could own in to the Said William for or on account of the said purchase as aforesaid or upon any other Contingency whatsoever and lastly they the Said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol further for themselves their heirs Executors administrators and assigns do now and forever hereafter Exonerate and discharge the Said William as Executor of the said Reuben and also administrator of the Said Charlotte from all and every Claim which they the John C Carrol and Sally Carrol his Wife or either of them or their heirs Exors administrators or assigns of them respectively could or might have had against the Estates of the said Reuben and Charlotte or either of them. In Witness whereof have interchangeably Set their hands and Seals the day and year first above written

John C Carroll
her
Sally X Carroll
mark

In Witness of
Wm Hendrick)
Benjamin Freeman)
Jno: Owen Jr)

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 17th day of May 1824

The Within written Deed was this day acknowledged by the within named John C Carroll a party thereto to be his act and Deed and ordered to be recorded

Teste Edw L Tabb Cl"

This record identifies Sally (Wright) Carroll as a daughter of 1810/14 Robert Wright and 1810/14 Robert Wright as a son of 1819 Reuben Wright. In addition, North Carolina, Marriages, 1759-1979, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Sally Wright and John Carroll on June 13, 1818, in Warren County, North Carolina. Mecklenburg County Deed 21/18 in conjunction with that marriage record indicate that 1810/14 Robert Wright had moved from Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to Warren County, North Carolina.

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Nancy Wright as one of his children:

"In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia being Sound of mind memory & understanding do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament,

. . . .

I Give and Bequeath unto my daughters nancy Wright Betsey Kendrick Polly Holloway, Martha Turner Jenny Potter & Sally clements each one dollar I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more.

. . . .

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Austin Wright Senr

. . . ."

This record indicates that Nancy (Wright) Wright died after May 11, 1829.

On October 29, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 24/69, Elizabeth Wright of Rutherford County, Tennessee, appointed Joseph Pollard her attorney in fact to act for her in connection with the estate of her father Robert Wright, deceased, and her mother Nancy Wright swore that Elizabeth was over 21 years of age:

"Know all men by these presents that I Elizabeth Wright of the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee daughter of Robert Wright decd. of the County of mecklenburg & state of Virginia for divers good causes me thereunto moving have this day appointed nominated and constituted and by these presents do appoint my good friend Joseph Pollard of the county & state aforesaid my true & lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name to ask for demand & receive of William Hendrick or such Other persons as may have the same in possession or from whom the Same may be due in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of Virginia any money property debts or monies arising from sales of property which may be due to or belong to me as Legal Heir of the said Robert Wright or which may have come to the hands of said William Hendrick or any other person as the Executor or executors administrator or administrators of said Wright Decd. and which may be due me as a distribution portion of the estate of Said Wright either coming and falling to me by devise or by distribution, and I hereby fully authorise and empower my Said attorney in fact to collect and receive the same for my own proper use benefit & behoof and in my name and on my behalf to sign make and execute all receipt release and vouchers on my part and in my name which may be necessary in Law on receiving the same and hereby empower my Said attorney in fact to employ attornies and agents under him so as to collect and reduce the same to possession either by seal or otherwise as my said attorney in fact may think proper and I hereby fully ratify and Confirm all acts and things which my Said attorney in fact may lawfully do in my name and on my behalf touching the premises

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 29th day of Oct: 1829.

Elizabeth her X mark Wright

State of Tennessee)
Rutherford County)

This day personally appeared before me, Nancy Wright and made Oath that her daughter Elizabeth Wright, the author of the above power was twenty one years old and upward. Sworn to before me this 29th day of Oct: 1829

J. C. Mitchall W.

State of Tennessee)
Rutherford County)

Before us J. C. Mitchell & Wm H. Smith two of the acting Justices of the peace within and for said County and state this day personally appeared Elizabeth

Wright who makes the above power of attorney and duly acknowledged the execution thereof for the purposes therein named

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set Our hands and seals this 29th October 1829.

Wm. H. Smith

State of Tennessee)
Rutherford County)

I John R. Lanchlen, Clerk of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions, Within, and for the County and state aforesaid, do hereby Certify that James C. Mitchell and William H. Smith Esqr: are acting Justices of the peace within and for the county aforesaid, duly Commissioned and qualified according to law and that all their official acts as such are entitled to full faith and Credit.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Said Court at office in Murfriesborough, this 7th day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine and of the Independence of the united States 54th

John R. Laughlen clk
of Said Court

State of Tennessee)
Rutherford County) sct.

I Logan Henderson chairman of the court of pleas and quarter Sessions, within and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby Certify that John R. Laughlin, Whose official signature appears to the foregoing Certificate is the acting Clerk of said Court that his Said Certificate is in due form of law, and that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and Credit in any Court or office in the united States. Given under may hand and seal in Said County of Rutherford this 7th day of November A D. 1829

Logan Henderson chr.
of Said Court

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County on the 18th day of Jany. 1830

The Within Written Letter of attorney together with the Certificates of authentication thereon endorsed was this day produce in Open Court and Ordered to be recorded

Teste Edward L Tabb clk"

This record indicates that Robert Wright had died in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and that his widow Nancy (Wright) Wright resided on October 29, 1829, in Rutherford County, Tennessee.

The 1830 Census for Rutherford County, Tennessee, listed one Elizabeth Wright immediately before a Reuben Wright with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Elizabeth Wright			1	50-60
			1	20-29

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
2					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

The older female in the household was probably Nancy (Wright) Wright and this record indicates that Nancy (Wright) Wright was born between about 1770 and 1780 and in conjunction with the affidavit, that Elizabeth Wright was born between about 1800 and October 29, 1808.

The Reuben Wright listed in the 1830 Census for Rutherford County,

Tennessee, immediately after Elizabeth Wright was aged 30 to 40, indicating a date of birth between about 1790 and 1800, which would be consistent with being a son of 1810/14 Robert Wright and Nancy (Wright) Wright. Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Rubin Wright and Martha Reed on April 24, 1816, in Rutherford County, Tennessee, and Combined History Of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois, published in 1881, in a biographical sketch of William M. Wright stated that:

> ". . . . Reuben Wright, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Some few years after the close of that struggle, he removed to Tennessee, where he lived until December, 1830, when he emigrated to Illinois and settled in Shelbyville, and remained here until his death in 1837. In his younger years he served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and worked at that business in his after life. He married Martha Reed; she was born and raised in Virginia. By this marriage there were ten children, six of whom are now living. William M. is the second in the family; he was born in Rutherford county, Tennessee, August 12, 1818. . . . ."

And Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Reuben Wright in Glenwood Cemetery, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Illinois:

> "Reuben Wright
> Born
> Nov. 22, 1793
> Died
> July 13, 1837"

These records indicate that 1837 Reuben Wright of Shelby County, Illinois, was probably a son of 1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County and Nancy (Wright) Wright.

2. John Wright And His Wife Salley (Holmes) Wright

John Wright was a son of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright in the Augustine Wright household on May 13, 1791, as a white male over 16. The absence of John Wright from the 1790 Tax List and his first presence in the 1791 Tax List indicate that he was born after May 8, 1774, and before May 13, 1775.

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright in the Augustine Wright household on July 14, 1792, as a white male over 16.

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright in the Augustine Wright household as a white male over 16.

The 1794, 1795, and 1796 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a John Wright.

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one John Wright with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse, who is as yet unidentified.

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright in the Austin Wright household as his son and as a white male over 16.

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed three John Wrights, the first listed with "(Georgia)" after his name and 1 male over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse, the second with 1 white male over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, no horse, and including slave Fanny 12, and the third with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse. It is unclear which if any of these was John Wright, the son of Augustine Wright.

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights, the first with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse and the second listed as John Wright (Fox) with 1 white male over 16 and 1 black over 16, including slave Eady 16. The 1802 and 1803 Tax Lists set forth below make clear that the person listed as John Wright (Fox) was not the son of Augustine Wright.

The 1800 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright in the Austin Wright household as his son and as a white male over 16.

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., listed the marriage of John Wright and Sally Holmes on May 21, 1801, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Wright, John & Sally Holmes 13 May 1801; b - John Holmes min - Ebenezer McGowan - 21 May 1801"

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to

1850, by Stratton Nottingham, also listed the marriage of John Wright and Salley Holmes on May 13, 1801, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, John (of Austin) & Salley Holmes, 13 May, 1801, John Holmes sec."

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed three John Wrights, the first listed as John Wright (Fox) with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, and 1 horse, the second listed as John Wright (son of Austin) with 1 white male over 16, 3 blacks over 16, and 1 horse, and the third listed with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horse.

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright (son of Austin) with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

On June 16, 1803, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 11/449, John Wright, son of Austin Wright, executed a deed of trust to Noah Dutch and James Whitlow, Jr., as trustees, as to certain personal property to secure a debt of £41 and 17 shillings due to William Baskerville:

> "This Indenture made this 16th day of June 1803 Between John Wright (son of Austin) of the first part William Baskerville of the second part and Noah Dutch and James Whitlow jr of the third part all of the County of Mecklenburg Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the Sum of forty one pounds Seventeen Shillings Current Money of Virginia which he the said John Wright is Justly Indebted to the said William Baskerville and honestly desires to secure and pay and for the further Consideration of one Dollar to the said John Wright in hand paid by the said Noah Dutch and James Whitlow jr at and before the Sealing & delivery hereof the Receipt whereof he doth hereby Acknowledge hath granted bargained Sold & confirmed to the said Noah Dutch and James Whitlow Junr their heirs Executors and Administrators forever or either of them the following Property (to wit) one Negro man named Phil one feather Bed and furniture one Dozen windsor Chairs his Crop of Corn Wheat & Tobacco which he may make this year and all other Crops of a similar discription which he may make untill this Deed is void by the Payment of the debt also one Red Cow marked with a swallow fork in the right and three nicks in the left Ear one Calf marked with a Crop & Slit Junderkeel(?) in the left Ear together with all the other property of every kind which he this day possesses with the Appurtenances and Rights thereto belonging and all his the said John Wrights claims Interest, rights benefits and profits relating to the same To have and to hold the aforesaid Property unto the said Noah Dutch and James Whitlow Junr their heirs and Assigns forever to the only Proper use and behoof of them the said Noah Dutch and James Whitlow Junr their heirs and Assigns forever and the said John

Wright doth hereby grant for himself and his heirs and every of them shall and Will Warrant & forever Defend to the said Noah Dutch and James Whitlow Junr the aforesaid Negro and other property with all and Singular the Appurtenances unto the said Dutch and Whitlow their heirs & Assigns forever against him the said John Wright and his heirs and against every other Person whatsoever Upon Trust Nevertheless that the said Noah Dutch and James Whitlow Junr or either of them their heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall on the first day of January next (1804) or as soon thereafter as the said Dutch and Whitlow or either of them their heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall think Proper or the said William Baskerville or the said John Wright or either of them their heirs Executors or Administrators shall request whichever of these Circumstances shall first happen sell for the best Price that can be obtained in Ready Money at Publick Sale after giving notice thereof by Advertizeing at the front Door of the Courthouse of Mecklenburg County on a Court day ten days Previous to the day of Sale the Negro and Property aforesaid and out of the Money arising from such Sale discharge pay and Satisfy the said William Baskerville the aforesaid Sum of Forty one Pounds Seventeen Shillings with Interest on ten Pounds six Shillings and three Pence from the 25th day of April last Interest on Eleven pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven pence from the 15th day of this present Month and Interest on Nineteen pounds Nineteen Shillings and two Pence from the first day of October and together with the Expenses of Recording this Indenture and [dark and obscured image] and all other Necessary Expenses that may attend [dark and obscured image] Wright his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns and it is Covenanted between the said John Wright and the said William Baskerville that the death of any one or more of the Parties shall in no respect change or affect this present Indenture In Testimony whereof the said John Wright hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his Seal the day & year first above Written

John Wright

Signed Sealed acknowledged)
& Delivered In presence of)
HIERRESS(?)
Daniel Hicks
Robert Rainey

Memorandum That the parties to this Deed of trust understand and do hereby agree that the Overplus of the Money from the Sale herein mentioned shall be Subjected to the Payment of any Debt for dealings or other transactions from this day untill a final discharge of the Debt Interest and Costs within mentioned and the said John Wright for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators doth hereby Empower and Direct the within mentioned Noah Dutch and James Whitlow Junr their heirs Executors or Administrators or either of them to Pay the said William Baskerville his Certain Attorney his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the Overplus aforesaid or so much thereof as will Discharge any Debt

that may be contracted as aforesaid and the said John Wright for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators doth also Empower the said Noah Dutch and James Whitlow Junr their heirs Executors & administrators or either of them in case the Debt for which the within Property is conveyed shall be paid without a Sale thereof for that purpose by the trustees to make Sale of the within mentioned property under the Regulations therein Expressed or so much thereof as will Satisfy and pay the said William Baskerville his heirs &c any Debt that may be contracted as aforesaid In Testimony whereof the said John Wright hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his Seal this 16th day of June 1803

John Wright

Signed Sealed acknowledged)
& Delivered In presence of)
HIERRESS(?)
Daniel Hicks
Robert Rainey

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 11th day of July 1803

This Indenture of Trust and Memorandum thereon Endorsed were Proved by the Oath of Hutchins Ferrell a witness thereto. And at a Court held for the same County the 10th day of October following the said Indenture of Trust and the Memorandum was further proved by the Oath of Daniel Hicks another witness & ordered to be Recorded

Teste William Baskerville Cl: Cur:"

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright (son of Austin) with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright (son of Austin) with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, 2 horses, and a riding carriage with 2 wheels.

The 1806 and 1807 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list John Wight, son of Austin Wright, but did list John Wright, son of Reuben Wright, and John Wright (Fox).

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

The 1809 and later Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a John Wright who could be identified as the son of Austin Wright,

indicating that he had either died or moved away from Mecklenburg County.

No estate administration for a John Wright has been found in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, for the period from 1802 through 1819.

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed John Wright as his deceased child:

> "In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament
> . . . .
> I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more.
> . . . .
> In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.
>
> Austin Wright Senr
>
> . . . ."

This record indicates that John Wright had died before May 11, 1829.

3. Elizabeth "Betsey" (Wright) Kendrick, Her Husband James Kendrick, And Her Descendants

Elizabeth "Betsey" (Wright) Kendrick was a daughter of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one James Kendrick on June 15, 1798, with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse. This record indicates that James Kendrick was born before June 15, 1781.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Elizabeth Wright and James Kendrick on December 12, 1797, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all men by these presents that we James Kendrick & John Wright of Mecklenburg County are held and firmly bound unto James Wood Esq Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Just Sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to the which payment well and truly to be made to the

said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of our heirs exors & admors Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 12th day of December 1797

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that if there be no lawful Cause to obstruct a marriage Intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound James Kendrick and Elizabeth Wright then the above Obligation to be Void else to remain in full force and Virtue

James Kendrick
John Wright

Sealed & Delivered)
In presence of)
W Baskerville"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Elizabeth Wright and James Kendrick on December 12, 1797, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Kendrick, James & Elizabeth Wright 12 Dec 1797; b - John Wright"

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one James Kendrick with 1 white male over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse, including slave Edy.

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on June 10, 1799, with 1 white male over 16 and 1 black over 16, including slave Edy age 16.

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on April 23, 1800, with 1 white male over 16 and 1 black over 16, including slave Edy.

The 1800 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on July 13, 1801, with 1 white male over 16 and 1 black over 16, including slave Edith over age 16.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on April 28, 1802, with 1 white male over 16 and 1 black over 16, including slave Dianna over age 16.

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on May 9, 1803, with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses, including slaves Frank, Frank, Hampton, Charles, Edith, Joan, Dianna over age 16, Cilles, and Sal over 12 years of age.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on June 11, 1804, with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, including slaves Frank, Frank, Charles, Edith, Joan, Cilles, Dinah over 16 years of age, and Sally over 12 years of age.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on April 20, 1805, with 1 white male over 16, 8 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, including slaves Frank, Charles, Phil, Nelson, Jean, Priscilla, Dianna, Edith over 16 years of age, and Sally over 12 years of age.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on April 15, 1806, with 1 white male over 16, 5 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses, including slaves Phil, Tom, Dianna, Edith, and Sally over 16 years of age.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on July 25, 1807, with 1 white male over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 2 horses, including slaves Edy, Dinah, Sally, Phil, Tom over 16 years of age, and Tony over 12 years of age.

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on March 14, 1809, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse, including slave Dianna.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on March 12, 1810, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and no horses, including slaves Dianna and Edith over 16 years of age.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed James Kendrick on April 1, 1811, with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses, including slaves Philip, Tom, Tony, Dianna, Edith,

Sarah, and Sally over 16 years of age.

The will of James Kendrick was dated on May 14, 1811, probated on June 17, 1811, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 7/103, and provided as follows:

> "In the name of God amen. I James Kendrick of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following I desire that all my Just debts shall be paid with the money arising from the debts due me or from the sale of any part of my property if such sale should be absolutely necessary for the payment of my debts. If my debts can be paid without selling property I desire that all my property should be kept together in the manner herein after mentioned and no part of it be sold except in the manner and under the Conditions herein after stated. My will and desire is that the following slaves Philip Sarah Edmund and Albert be removed to the State of Tennessee by my Executor or Executrix herein after named, the greater part of my slaves being now in that State and it being my wish that they should all be together. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Kendrick the following slaves Philip Sarah Edmund Albert Dianna with her children Isaac and Mary Edy with her children Maria & Sandy & Sally with her children Tom & Tony and all the increase of the said female slaves for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood and after the death of my said wife my will and desire is that all the slaves and other property bequeathed to her shall be equally divided among my three children Dennis James and Polley If my wife should marry my will and desire is that she shall have only such part of my Estate as she may be entitled to by law and that the residue shall be equally divided among my three Children above mentioned I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife all my ready money and debts due me to be hers absolutely after the payment of my debts. I further give and bequeath unto my beloved wife all my stock of horses cattle sheep and hogs plantation utensils household and kitchen furniture with every other species of property belonging to me either in this State or the State of Tennessee for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood and after her death or marriage to be equally divided among my three Children before mentioned My further will and desire is that my wife Elizabeth shall have full power and authority to sell any part of my negroes not exceeding three in number and with the money arising from such sale to purchase a tract of Land in such state or County as she shall prefer provided she shall be of opinion that such sale and purchase will be advantageous to herself and children the Said land when purchased to belong to my wife during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or marriage to be equally divided among my three children Dennis James and Polley Should my wife decline removing to the State of Tennessee my will and desire is that the slaves directed in a former part of my will to be removed to the State of Tennessee shall remain in this State and that my wife shall have full power and authority to remove all my slaves & other property now in the State of Tennessee into this State (Virginia) My further will and desire is that my wife shall have full power and authority to sell such part of my personal estate the slaves excepted unless sold for the purpose before

mentioned as she shall think proper. In Consideration of the Legacies given to my wife she is to maintain and educate my three children Dennis James and Polley until they respectively attain the age of Twenty one years or are married. I constitute my wife Elizabeth Executrix and Willis Henley and Richard H. Walker Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore by me made. My will and desire is that my Executrix and Executors herein named shall not be Compelled to give security for the performance of their duties In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 14th day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & Eleven

James Kendrick

Signed Sealed published and declared to be his last will & Testament by the within named James Kendrick in the presence of - F. E. Walker C G Field Brown Avery)

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 17th day of June 1811

This will was proved by the Oaths of Francis E Walker and Brown Avery witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded and On the motion of Elizabeth Kendrick the Executrix therein named who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged her bond in the penalty of Ten thousand dollars Conditioned as the law directs Certificate was granted her for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form Liberty being reserved for the Executors therein named to join in the probat when they shall think fit

Teste
William Baskerville Cl Cur"

This record identifies the family of James Kendrick as follows:

Wife: Elizabeth Kendrick

Children:

1) Dennis Kendrick,
2) James Kendrick, and
3) Polley Kendrick.

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a James Kendrick, consistent with his death in 1811, and also did not list an Elizabeth Kendrick.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not

list a James Kendrick or an Elizabeth Kendrick.

The 1820 Census listed two Elizabeth Kendricks, one in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and the other listed as Elizabeth Kindrick in Granville County, North Carolina, with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Elizabeth Kindrick	2	16-25	1	26-45	
			1	10-15	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
7			1	26-45
			3	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
2	26-45					
2	14-26					
6	0-14					

The family structure of two sons and 1 daughter and the large number of slaves is consistent with the will of James Kendrick and identifies this Elizabeth Kindrick as Elizabeth (Wright) Kendrick. This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Kendrick was born between 1775 and 1794.

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Betsey (Wright) Kendrick as one of his children:

> "In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament
> . . . .
> I Give and Bequeath unto my daughters nancy Wright Betsey Kendrick Polly Holloway, Martha Turner Jenny Potter & Sally clements each one dollar I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more

my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more.
. . . .
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Austin Wright Senr

. . . ."

The 1830 Census for Granville County, North Carolina, listed Elizabeth Kindrick with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Elizabeth Kindrick			1	50-60

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	36-55	1	55-100				
1	10-24	1	36-55				
2	0-10	1	24-36				
		1	10-24				
		2	0-10				

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
11					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Kendrick was born between about 1770

and 1780 and in conjunction with the 1820 Census between about 1775 and 1780.

The 1840 Census for Montgomery County, Tennessee, listed Mrs. E. Kendrick with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Mrs E Kendrick			1	60-70

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				2	36-55	3	36-55
				2	10-24	2	24-36
				3	0-10	1	10-24
						3	0-10

	Number of Persons in each Family Employed in					
Total	Mining	Agri-culture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navi-gation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
17		8				

Learned profes-sions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolu-tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Ages	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb No.	Ages	Blind

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued] Insane and Idiots		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Univer-sities or College	Number of Students	Acade-mies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 20 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Kendrick was born between about 1770 and 1780 and in conjunction with the 1820 Census between about 1775 and 1780.

Elizabeth (Wright) Kendrick has not as yet been found in the 1850 Census. The 1850 Census for Cocke County, Tennessee, listed an Elizabeth Kendrick in the Edom Kendrick household and her age as 73 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1777, but Findagrave.com listed Edom Kendrick's wife as Elizabeth (Fine) Kendrick and her death in 1860, so this census listing was probably for Elizabeth (Fine) Kendrick and not for Elizabeth (Wright) Kendrick.

The 1860 Census for Montgomery County, Tennessee, listed Elizabeth Kendrick with the following household on October 11, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Elizabeth Kendrick	83	f		Farmer	2500

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
21000	Va				

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Kendrick was born in about 1777.

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Elizabeth Kendrick, wife of James Kendrick, in Rose Hill Cemetery, Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee, and her death on June 16, 1862:

"Elizabeth
Wife Of
Jas Kendrick
Born
Feb 9, 1777
Died
Jun 16, 1862"

4. Mary (Wright) Holloway, Her Husband David Holloway, And Her Descendants

Mary (Wright) Holloway was a daughter of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed marriage of Mary Wright and David Holloway on December 24, 1799, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"know all men by these presents that we David Holloway & John Holmes are held and firmly bound unto James Woods Esqr. Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia the Sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to the Which payment well and truly to be made to the Said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of us our and each of our heirs exors and admors Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 21st day of Decr 1799

The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that if there be no lawful Cause to Obstruct a marriage intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound David Holloway & Mary Wright then the above obligation to be Void or else to remain in full force and virtue

David Holloway
John Holmes

Sealed & Delivered)
In presence of)
John Dortch

Atest of Persons Joined together in the holy estate of matrimony, by the undersigned (prior to the 1st day of Apl 1800) on the different dates annexed to their names

. . . .

David Holloway and Mary Wright Decr 24 1799

. . . .

Given under my hand this 1 Day of April 1800

E Macgowan"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Mary Wright and David Holloway on December 24, 1799, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Holloway, David & Mary Wright 21 Dec 1799; b - John Holmes Min - Ebenezer McGowan - 24 Dec 1799"

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one David Holloway with 2 white males over 16, including Joseph Mays, and 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and no horses, including slave Viney 16.

The 1800 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one David Holloway with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1802 and 1803 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a David Holloway.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one David Holloway with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one David Holloway with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and no horses.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one David Holloway on April 30, 1807, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one David Holloway on May 8, 1807, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

On January 13, 1807, at Granville County, North Carolina, D.B. T/166, David Holloway of Granville County, North Carolina, sold to Lewis Bennett a slave named

Easter, age 16:

> "Know all men by these presents that I David Holloway of the County of Granville & State of N: Carolina hath this thirteenth day of January One thousand eight hundred & Seven bargained Sold & delivered unto Lewis Bennett of the same County & State aforesaid, one negro Girl Called by the name of Easter of the Age of Sixteen years, & do warrant her to be a Sound Healthy negro for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, the receipt whereof I do hereby Acknowledge To have & to hold the said Slave Easter to the said Lewis Bennett his Heirs &c, for the above Consideration I do Oblige myself my Heirs &c. to warrant & forever defend the right & Title of Sd. Slave to the Sd. Lewis Bennett against the Claim or Demand of all persons Whatsoever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal the day & year above Written
>
> David Holloway
>
> Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of)
> Jonathan Knight Wm Hinds)"

The listing of David Holloway as of Granville County may have been a formulaic recitation inserted into the document by the scrivener and not an actual determination of residence. The Tax List set forth below indicates that David continued to reside in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, until April 8, 1809, and then moved to Granville County, North Carolina.

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one David Holloway on April 8, 1809, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a David Holloway.

The 1810 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a David Holloway.

The 1810 Census for Granville County, North Carolina, listed David Holloway with the following household on August 6, 1810:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
David Holloway	1	26-45	1	26-45		
	2	0-10	3	0-10		

This record indicates that Mary (Wright) Holloway and David Holloway were born between about 1765 and 1784.

In or before November 1811 in the case of Ferguson v. Holloway, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Court Case 1813-012, Joseph Ferguson filed a petition to sell certain slaves left by John Ballard in a life estate for his daughter Becky (Ballard) Holloway and divide the proceeds among Becky's children, including David Holloway:

> "To the worshipful Court of Mecklenburg County in Chancery sitting humbly complaining sheweth . . . . That the sd John Ballard has since departed this life together with the said Becky Holloway mother to your Oratrix leaving eight children, to wit . . . . David Holloway, ... such is the situation of your complainant that he suggests to your worships the propriety of selling the sd. slaves upon a credit of twelve months and that the proceeds of the sale be equally divided amongst the children of the sd. Becky Holloway . . . .
>
> Fargeson & Ux)
> vs) Bill
> Holloway & al)
> 1811 Novr. Order of
> Publ to Feby Court
> . . . ."

The will of Bennett Holloway dated on December 9, 1809, and probated on May 15, 1815, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 8/135, listed David Holloway as one of his children:

> "In the Name of God amen I Bennett Holloway of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia being of perfect mind & memory do make and Ordain this my last Will and testament Imprimis I Will that my Interest in the Land in Prince George County and in this County derived from my brother John at his death subject to the life estate of his Widow be sold at the death of his said Widow and the proceeds of such sale be equally divided between my Sons John and David Holloway
> . . . .
> In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my seal this ninth day of December 1809

Bennett his X mark Holloway

. . . ."

On September 17, 1818, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 17/488, David Holloway acted as a witness to a power of attorney granted by John Holloway of Henderson County, Kentucky, to Charles Barkerville of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to act for him with regard to his affairs in Virginia. This record indicates that David Holloway had moved to Henderson County, Kentucky, by September 17, 1818.

The 1820 Census for Henderson County, Kentucky, listed a David Holloway with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
David Holloway	1	45+	1	26-45	
	1	16-26	1	16-26	
	1	10-6	2	10-16	
	2	0-10	1	0-10	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
1				

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons

This record indicates that David Halloway was born before 1775 and that Mary (Wright) Halloway was born between about 1775 and 1794.

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Polly (Wright) Holloway as one of his children:

> "In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last

Will and testament

. . . .

I Give and Bequeath unto my daughters nancy Wright Betsey Kendrick Polly Holloway, Martha Turner Jenny Potter & Sally clements each one dollar I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more.

. . . .

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Austin Wright Senr

. . . ."

David Holloway has as yet been found in the 1830 Census.

No probate administration of the estate of David Holloway has as yet been found.

The 1830 Census for Henderson County, Kentucky, did not list a Mary Holloway, but the 1830 Census for Sumner County, Tennessee, listed a Mary Holloway with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Mary Holloway	3	20-30	1	50-60
	2	15-20	3	20-30
			2	5-10

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	24-36	1	36-55				

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
13					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Mary (Wright) Holloway was born between about 1770 and 1780.

The 1840 Census for Sumner County, Tennessee, listed Mrs. Holoway with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Mrs Holoway	1	20-30	1	60-70
			1	30-40
			2	20-30

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age

	Number of Persons in each Family Employed in					
Total	Mining	Agri-culture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navi-gation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
5						

Learned profes-sions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolu-tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Ages	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb No.	Ages	Blind

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 20 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Mary (Wright) Holloway was born between about 1770 and 1780.

Mary (Wright) Holloway has not as yet been found in the 1850 Census.

No probate administration of the estate of Mary (Wright) Holloway has as yet been found.

The WikiTree pages for Mary (Wright) Holloway and David Holloway prepared by Joseph W. Holloway listed eight children of this couple:

1) Lucy (Holloway) Stark (abt 1803 - aft 1870) m. Coleman Stark (abt 13 Jun 1805 - bef 1870) on 23 Dec 1829,

2) James Edmond Holloway (abt 1805 - 23 Sep 1889) m. Mary Williams (abt 1811 - bef 1883) on 5 Jan 1831,

3) Sarah L Holloway (abt 1808 - aft 1880) [unmarried] [no children],

4) Richard Wright Holloway (abt 1814 - 1877) m. Harriet Dedman (abt 1815 - 25 Nov 1862) on 9 Aug 1843,

5) Edwin T Holloway (abt 1815 - bef 1870) m. Sarah Unknown (abt 1830 - bef 1870) abt 1846,

6) Mary A. (Holloway) Williams (25 Jan 1823 - aft 1900) m. Joseph H Williams (abt 1808 - 26 Apr 1886) on 30 Sep 1842,

7) Rebecca B Holloway (abt 1825 - 09 May 1874) [unmarried] [no children], and

8) Elizabeth M (Holloway) Voigt (bef 1835 - 01 Jul 1866) m. Frederick William Voigt (abt 04 Sep 1825 - 25 Aug 1880) on 19 Dec 1855.

As Joseph W. Holloway noted, no direct primary documentation has as yet been found which confirms these persons as the children of Mary (Wright) Holloway and David Holloway. However, circumstantial evidence and Y-DNA matching support this identification.

The Final Settlement of the estate of Rebecca Holloway dated January 31, 1883, at Davidson County, Tennessee, W.B. 27/254, listed her seven siblings as heirs:

"Rebecca B Holloway Admr final Settlement
Wm Williams Admr

1876 To said estate Dr
. . . .
Contra Cr
. . . .

By paid F Voight - heir 1/7 share	220.00
By paid J. E. Holloway - heir 1/7 share	220.00
By paid Mary Williams - heir 1/7 share	220.00
By paid Richd Holloway - heir 1/7 share	220.00
By paid Heirs of Lucy Stark - heir 1/7 share	220.00
By paid Heirs [or Hrs] E Holloway - heir 1/7 share	220.00
By paid Sarah Holloway - heir 1/7 share	220.00

. . . .
This settlement was made by me with Wm Williams Admr &c after due notice to heirs. Jany 31, 1883

E. M. Wordall DC

Examined and confirmed at Jany term 1883

Mo. C. Ferris
Co. Judge"

While no primary source has as yet identified any of these eight children as a child of Mary (Wright) Holloway or David Holloway, Joseph W. Holloway noted the

following regarding "The Genealogy of the Holloway Family in America" by Dr. Olin E. Holloway, published in 1927:

> "David was misidentified as George Holloway in "The Genealogy of the Holloway Family in America" (Dr. Olin E. Holloway, 1927) [9].
>
> > CHAPTER XIV DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE HOLLOWAY AND MARY WRIGHT
> >
> > George lived and it is supposed died in Virginia. We have many of this name on record from that state but have no means of con-necting him or his wife, Mary Wright; although we find a large family of Wrights some of whom married into the Holloway family. We only have a record of his one son Richard Wright Holloway who married Harriett Dedmon. He was born in Virginia, moved from there to Hopkinsville, Ky., then to Huntsville, Ala., and from there to Texas where several of his family still reside. We are informed that he had a brother James who lived and left a family at Union City, Tenn. but we have been unable to locate any of them.
>
> Dr. Holloway was on the right track, but mixed up Richard's father as George Holloway instead of David Holloway. Dr. Holloway then further relayed family lore that Richard had a brother in Union City, Tennessee named James.
>
> Because Dr. Holloway subsequently provided a highly accurate chart of Richard Wright Holloway's family in his text, we can infer that significant details were supplied by one or more of Richard's children who were still living in Red River Co., Texas at the time of his research. The error in David's given name was therefore likely not Dr. Olin's to have made, but instead an error supplied by one of Richard's children who was born decades after their grandfather's death."

In addition, in his email dated November 23, 2025, Joe Holloway included a chart of Y-DNA sequencing for descendants of 1759 George Holloway of Lunenburg County, Virginia, which showed matching Y-DNA among the following: 1) two descendants from David Holloway's son before 1880 Richard Wright Holloway of Red River County, Texas, 2) two descendants from David Wright's son 1889 James Edmond Holloway of Obion County, Kentucky, 3) two descendants from David Holloway's uncle 1827 William Holloway of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and 4) one descendant from David Holloway's uncle 1829 James Hollaway of Jessamine County, Kentucky. Such Y-DNA matching in conjunction with the Rebecca B. Holloway Final Settlement set forth above is strong evidence supporting the identification of the siblings listed in that Final Settlement as children of Mary (Wright) Holloway and David Holloway.

5. Martha (Wright) Turner And Her Husband Stephen Turner

Martha (Wright) Turner was a daughter of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org. listed the marriage of Martha Wright and Stephen Turner on March 11, 1801, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all Men by these Presents that we Stephen Turner & Austin Wright are held & firmly bound unto James Munroe Esqre: Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to the which Payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of our Heirs Exers: and Adms: jointly and Severally firmly by these Presents sealed with our seals and dated this 11 day of march 1801
>
> The Condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful Cause to obstruct a marriage Intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound Stephen Turner & Martha Wright Then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force & Virtue
>
> Stephen turner
> Auten Wrg
>
> sealed & Acknowledged)
> In Presence of)
> John Dortch"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., listed the marriage of Martha Wright and Stephen Turner on March 11, 1801, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Turner, Stephen & Martha Wright 11 Mar 1801; b - Austen Wright"

The 1810 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed Stephen Turner with the following household on August 6, 1810:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
Stephen Turner	1	26-45	1	26-45		8
			3	0-10		

This record indicates that Martha (Wright) Turner and Stephen Turner were born between about 1765 and 1784.

The 1820 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed Stephen Turner with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Stephen Turner	1	26-45	1	26-45	
	1	0-10	2	16-26	
			2	10-16	
			2	0-10	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
2			2	45+
			1	26-45
			2	14-26
			2	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
2	45+					
1	26-45					
4	0-14					

This record indicates that Martha (Wright) Turner and Stephen Turner were born between about 1775 and 1794 and in conjunction with the 1810 Census, between about 1775 and 1784.

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Martha (Wright) Turner as one of his children:

> "In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament
>
> . . . .

I Give and Bequeath unto my daughters nancy Wright Betsey Kendrick Polly Holloway, Martha Turner Jenny Potter & Sally clements each one dollar I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more. . . . .
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Austin Wright Senr

. . . ."

The 1830 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed Stephen Turner with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Stephen Turner	1	50-60	1	40-50
	1	10-15	2	10-15
			1	5-10

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	55-100	2	55-100				
1	36-55	1	36-55				
2	24-36	2	10-24				
2	10-24	1	0-10				
4	0-10						

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
22					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Martha (Wright) Turner was born between about 1780 and 1790 and that Stephen Turner was born between about 1770 and 1780 and in conjunction with the 1810 and 1820 Censuses, that Martha (Wright) Turner was born in about 1780 and that Stephen Turner was born between about 1775 and 1780.

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Stephen Turner in Mount Auburn Christian Church Cemetery, Manson, Warren County, North Carolina:

"Stephen Turner
Grave 3
Formerly
Grave 3 Cem 3"

Findagrave.com also listed the following for Stephen Turner:

"Stephen Turner

Birth	1777
Death	1841 (aged 63–64)
Burial	Mount Auburn Christian Church
Memorial ID	57346874

Disintered from Cemetery #87, Grave #3 along with the remains of; William W. Burroughs, Harriett Hamner Turner& Martha Revis Turner.

Reference: Real Estate Disposition Report of Cemeteries
John H. Kerr Dam & Reservoir
Roanoake River / Virginia - North Carolina
Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, VA
Information courtesy of;
Michael Dodd
Natural Resource Management Specialist
John H. Kerr Reservoir
Gravesite Details

Note: No headstone, perhaps an unidentifiable marker."

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Martha Revis Turner in Mount Auburn

Christian Church Cemetery, Manson, Warren County, North Carolina:

"Martha Revis Turner
Grave 4
Grave 3
Formerly
Grave 4 Cem 3"

Findagrave.com also listed the following for Martha Wright Turner:
"Martha Wright Turner

Birth	unknown
Death	7 Aug 1845 Warren County, North Carolina, USA
Burial	Mount Auburn Christian Church Manson, Warren County, North Carolina, USA
Memorial ID	57346907

Disintered from Cemetery #87, Grave #4 along with the remains of; William W. Burroughs, Stephen Turner & Harriett Hamner Turner.

Reference:	Real Estate Disposition Report of Cemeteries John H. Kerr Dam & Reservoir Roanoake River / Virginia - North Carolina Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, VA Information courtesy of; Michael Dodd Natural Resource Management Specialist John H. Kerr Reservoir

Note: No headstone, perhaps an unidentifiable marker."

It is unclear why the gravestone listed Martha's maiden or middle name as Revis.

The Susan Hamner Turner Family Bible, available at the Warrenton Public Library and the North Carolina Digital Collections, listed the following for the Stephen Turner family:

"Edinburgh
Printed by Alexander Kincaid His Majesty's Printer.
MDCCLXII.
. . . .
[Torn page]phen Turner and Susanna Hamner was
[Torn page]ied the 9 day of october in the year
[Torn page] Turner her Book god gave her 1764
[Torn page] there in to look and not only to look
[Torn page] to understand that learning is better

[Torn page]en house or land
. . . .
Majah Stephen Turner departed this life on the 20th day of June 1841 aged 64 years & 2 days
. . . .
Miss Martha Turner, consort of Majah Stephen Turner departed this life on Friday 7 of August 1845
. . . .
Stephen Turner was born the 11 day of June in the year of our lord 1777
. . . .
[Torn page] on frida the ___(?) [Torn page] year of our lord 1802
[Torn page]hter of Stephen turner and Marthey his wife was born on monday the 29th day of october in the year of our lord 1804
Rebecca Mitchell Turner Daughter of Stephen Turner and Martha his wife was born on friday the third of October in the year our lord 1806
. . . ."

6. Jane "Jenny" (Wright) Potter, Her Husband Donaldson Potter, And Her Descendants

Jane "Jenny" (Wright) Potter was a daughter of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

Virginia, Vital Records, 1715-1912, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Donaldson Potter and his first wife Catharine Ellis on December 10, 1796, in Sussex County, Virginia:

"Register Of Marriages
Sussex County, Virginia

Date of Bond	1796 December 10
Name of Husband	Donaldson Potter
Name of Wife	Catharine Ellis
Parents or Guardian of Husband	.
Parents or Guardian of Wife	.
Security and Witnesses	Robert Ellis
Minister	."

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage of Donaldson Potter and Catharine Ellis on December 22, 1796, in Sussex County, Virginia:

"Name	Donaldson Potter
Gender	Male

Marriage Date	22 Dec 1796
Marriage Place	Sussex, Virginia
Spouse	Catharine Ellis
FHL Film Number	34154
Reference ID	271"

On January 9, 1804, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 12/22, Robert Wright and his wife Nancy Wright sold to Donnalson Potter their 172 acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

"This Indenture made this 9th day of January one thousand Eight hundred and four Between Donnalson Potter of the one part & Robert Wright and Nancy his wife of the other part of the County of Mecklenburg Witnesseth that the said Robert Wright for and in Consideration of the Sum of one hundred and twenty nine pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged hath bargained Sold and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain Sell and Confirm unto the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and Assigns one Certain Tract or Parcell lying in Mecklenburg County and bounded as followeth Beginning at a Corner Gum in the County line on the Round Hill Branch thence West on the County line to a Corner where (formerly Feilds) now line of Samuel Hopkins jr Intersects the said County line thence by the lines of the said Samuel Hopkins Junr untill it Intersects the line of (formerly William Price) now John Hopkins thence on the said John Hopkins line untill it Corners on a Pine on the Round Hill Branch thence down the Branch as it meanders to the first Station together with all the appurtenances Franchises rights Issues Profits and Hereditaments thereunto belonging or in any wise Appertaining to the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and Assigns forever To have and to hold the aforesaid Tract of Land and Premises to the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and Assigns forever and the aforesaid Robert Wright doth hereby Covenant to and with the said Donnalson Potter that the aforesaid Land and Premises he for himself and his heirs will forever Warrant to the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and Assigns against the Claim and Claims of him the said Donnalson Potter his heirs and of all other Persons whatsoever In Testimony whereof the said Robert Wright hereunto set his hand & affixed his Seal the day & year above Written

Robert Wright
Nancy Wright

Executed in Presence of
Curby Langford
Joseph F Speed
Austin Wright Junr
Isham Fox

At a Quarterly Court held for Mecklenburg County the 14th day of May 1804

This Indenture was Acknowledged by Robert Wright and Nancy his wife she having been first privily Examined as the Law directs and ordered to be Recorded

Teste
William Baskerville Cl: Cur:"

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Jane Wright and Donaldson Potter on September 6, 1804, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"To the Clerk of Meckleburg County
Sir I herewith make a return of those Marriages Solemnized by me as follows (Viz)
. . . .
1804 Sepr. 6 Donaldson Potter and Jane Wright
. . . ."

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Jane Wright and Donaldson Potter on September 6, 1804, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Potter, Donaldson & Jane Wright 3 Sep 1804; b - Edmund Clements min - James Meacham - 6 Sep 1804"

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Donaldson Potter with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, and 1 horse.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Donaldson Potter on March 20, 1806, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, 2 horses, and a 2 wheeled carriage.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Donaldson Potter on May 11, 1807, with 1 white male over 16, 3 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Donaldson Potter.

Donaldson Potter has not as yet been found in the 1810 Census.

On November 19, 1812, at Williamson County, Tennessee, D.B. D/232, Donaldson Potter of Williamson County purchased from James Black 100 acres of land

on Minfree's Fork of West Harpeth River in Williamson County:

"Donaldson Potter 100 acres)
Conveyed by James Black)
Registered 30th Nov. 1815,)

This Indenture made this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve, between, James Black of Williamson County and State of Tennessee of the one part and Donaldson Potter of the State and County Aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said James Black for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty Dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath and by these presents, doth grant bargain, sell, and confirm unto the said Donaldson Potter his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred acres more or less, lying and being in the County of Williamson and State Aforesaid on the Head of Minfree's fork of West Harpeth, Beginning at John O Dils north west corner on Jacob Patton's line, running thence South to the old Indian Boundary line, thence westwardly with Said Boundary to James Black's South West Corner, thence north to Isaac Patten's South West Corner, thence East to the Beginning, with all the profits commodities or appurtinances or in any wise thereunto belonging, from him the said James Black's heirs &c and to the same and every part and parcel thereof either in law or equity. To have and to hold the said land with the appurtenances unto the said Donaldson Potter his heirs and assigns forever And the said James Black will warrant, and forever defend unto the said Donaldson Potter the above mentioned tract of land against all & every person or persons whatsoever, by these presents. In witness whereof the said James Black hath hereunto set his hand this day and year above written

James Black

Signed, Sealed, & delivered)
in presence of)

On the back of which Deed was written.

State of Tennessee Williamson County. James Black appeared in open Court July Session 1815 and acknowledged the within to be his act and deed and the same was ordered to be registered Let it be done

N. P. Hardeman"

The 1820 Census for Williamson County, Tennessee, listed Donelson Potter with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Donelson Potter	1	45+	1	26-45	
	1	16-26	1	16-26	
	2	10-16	2	10-16	
	1	0-10	1	0-10	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
2			2	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
2	14-26					
4	0-14					

This record indicates that Jane (Wright) Potter was born between about 1775 and 1794 and that Donaldson Potter was born before about 1775.

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Jenny (Wright) Potter as one of his children:

> "In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament
> . . . .
> I Give and Bequeath unto my daughters nancy Wright Betsey Kendrick Polly Holloway, Martha Turner Jenny Potter & Sally clements each one dollar I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more.
> . . . .
> In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.
>
> Austin Wright Senr
> . . . ."

Donaldson Potter has not as yet been found in the 1830 Census.

Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895, available from Ancestry.com, listed Donaldson Potter in 1836 in Maury County, Tennessee:

"[District] No. 22
. . . .

Donaldson Potter	
Land	185
Value	1850
Tax	203
Slaves	7
Value	4500
Tax	495"

Maury County, Tennessee, Tax Books, 1811-1878, available from FamilySearch.org, listed Donaldson Potter in 1837 with the following property:

"District No. 22nd
. . . .

Donaldson Potter	
Land	185
Value	1850
Tax	203
Slaves	8
Value	6500
Tax	495"

Maury County, Tennessee, Tax Books, 1811-1878, available from FamilySearch.org, listed Donaldson Potter in 1838 with the following property:

"District No. 22nd
. . . .

Donaldson Potter	
Land	185
Value	1850
Tax	2.77½
Slaves	7
Value	3800
Tax	5.70"

Donaldson Potter has not as yet been found in the 1840 Census.

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Mary Bumpas in Spring Hill Cemetery, Spring Hill, Maury County, Tennessee, with the following inscription:

"Sacred

to the memory of
Mrs. Mary,
consort of
Alexander A.
Bumpas.
A daughter of the
Rev. Daunaldson
Potter
who was born
April 9, 1813,
and died
March 20, 1846.
aged 32 yrs 11 mos
& 11 days
Blessed are the dead
who lie in the land"

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Daunaldson Potter in Spring Hill Cemetery, Spring Hill, Maury County, Tennessee:

"Sacred
to the memory of
Rev. Daunaldson
Potter
born
June 24, 1767
and died
May 7, 1849
aged [remainder dark and unreadable]"

Findagrave.com also listed the following for Rev. Daunaldson Potter:

"Rev Daunaldson Potter

Birth	24 Jan 1767
Death	5 May 1849 (aged 82)
Burial	Spring Hill Cemetery Spring Hill, Maury County, Tennessee, USA
Memorial ID	14572178"

Tennessee, Wills and Probate Records, 1779-2008, available from Ancestry.com, listed the will of Donnaldson Potter dated on April 18, 1839, which was recorded sometime after June 1, 1849, in Maury County, Tennessee, W.B. B-2/430, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen -
I Donnaldson Potter of the County of Maury and State of Tennessee, being weak in body but of Sound mind & memory, blessed be the Almighty God for the Same, do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, Viz,

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Potter all my Real & personal property for her use & benefit during her natural life, which property at her death shall be divided amongst my children in manner & form following

2nd I give & bequeath unto my son William E. Potter Nine hundred & fifty Dollars, one third of which is to be paid the said Wm Potter twelve months from & after this date one third in two years & the remaining third in three years from & after this date

3rd I also give & bequeath unto my three sons James O Potter, Robert D. Potter & Auston W. Potter the tract of Land on which I now live containing one hundred & eighty five Acres, be the Same more or less.

4th I give & bequeath unto my children herein after named (Viz) James O Potter Sally L. Evans Robert D Potter, Solina Nicholson Auston W. Potter & Mary Bumpas all my personal & perishable property, which property I direct shall be equally distributed between them at the death of my wife Jane

5th And be it further Known that as I have given my Son Wm E Potter a Sum of money and each of my Other Children a negro which property they have now in their possion I warrant & defend the title of said property unto them & their heirs forever

I hereby appoint my Son James O Potter and Robert D Potter my Executors for this my last will and Testament, revoking all former Wills by me made.

In witness whereoff I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 14th day of April A D 1839

Donnaldson Potter

Signed Sealed published & declared by the above Donaldson Potter to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator

Radford Satterfield
Jno. L. Moray
S. T: Caldwile

Surname	Potter
Date Will Written	14 Apr 1839
Will Book:	#B-2, Page #430

. . . ."

This record identifies the family of Donaldson Potter as follows:

Wife: Jane Potter

Children:

(1) William E. Potter,

(2) James O. Potter,

(3) Sally L. (Potter) Evans,

(4) Robert D Potter,

(5) Solina (Potter) Nicholson,

(6) Auston W. Potter, and

(7) Mary (Potter) Bumpas.

The 1850 Census for Maury County, Tennessee, listed Jane Potter with the following household on August 20, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Jane Potter	68	F			
Wm J. Potter	14	M			
Austin P Bumpass	6	M			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Va.		.		
Tenn.		1		
Tenn.		.		

This record indicates that Jane (Wright) Potter was born in about 1782.

The 1860 Census for Maury County, Tennessee, listed Jane Potter in the R. D. Potter household on July 13, 1860, her age as 79 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1781, and owning $14,925 of real estate and $15,000 of personal property.

Newspapers.com listed the following news article mentioning Donalson Potter dated on Friday, December 5, 1873, in The Herald and Mail, Columbia, Tennessee:

"Spring Hill Items.

> Fifty years ago this town began its existence. . . . . The first resident minister of the gospel here, was the Rev. Donalson Potter, of the Protestant Methodist Church, a man full of faith and earnest zeal, thoroughly versed in the scriptures; and, although somewhat eccentric, was universally respected by all who knew him. He was an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile. . . . ."

This record indicates that Donaldson Potter was a Methodist minister in about 1823.

7. 1830/31 Austin Wright, Jr., Of Mecklenburg County, His Wife Mary (Nicholson) Wright, And His Descendants

1830/31 Austin Wright, Jr., of Mecklenburg County was a son of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright in the Austin Wright household as a white male over 16. The absence of Austin Wright, Jr., from the 1802 Tax List and his first presence in the 1803 Tax List indicates that he was born between about 1786 and 1787.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright in the Austin Wright household as his son and as a white male over 16.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright in the Austin Wright household as his son and as a white male over 16.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list Austin Wright, the son of Austin Wright, but did list Austin Wright, Sr., on March 20, 1806, with 2 white males over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses. The second white male in the household was almost certainly Austin Wright, Jr.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright, Jr., on May 8, 1807, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed

Austin Wright, Jr., on April 2, 1809, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed only one Austin Wright on March 20, 1810, but with 2 white males over 16 and the second white male was probably Austin Wright, Jr.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright, Jr., on March 28, 1811, with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse.

Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Marriages, 1770-1810, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Austin Wright, Jr., and Mary Nicholson on June 28, 1811, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all Men by these Presents, That we Austin Wright and Tavenor Toone are held and firmly bound unto George William Smith Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in one Hundred and fifty Dollars: To which Payment well and truly to be made to the said Govenor and his Successors, to the Use of the Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, &c. firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 28th Day of June 1811
>
> The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that whereas there is a Marriage intended to be solemnized between the above bound Austin Wright Jr & Mary Nicholson if therefore there be no lawful Cause to obstruct the same, then this Obligation to be void, else to remain of Force and Virtue.
>
> Austin Wright Jr.
> Tooney Tav_(?)
>
> Signed and sealed in the
> Presence of William G. Pettus"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Austin Wright, Jr., and Mary Nicholson on June 28, 1811, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, Austin (Jr) & Mary Nicholson 28 Jun 1811; b - Tavner Toone"

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on March 16, 1812, with 1 white male over 16, 3 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on April 3, 1813, with 1

white male over 16, 3 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

On June 21, 1813, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 15/170, Robert Wright, Austin Wright, Jr., and Allen M. Bilbo filed their bond for the appointment of Austin Wright, Jr., as constable for Mecklenburg County on the south side of the Roanoke River:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Austin Wright Junior Robert Wright and Allen M Bilbo of Mecklenburg County are held and firmly bound unto his excellency James Barbour Esquire Governor or Chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of our selves our and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 21st day of June 1813 in the 37th year of the Commonwealth. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Austin Wright is appointed a Constable of the said County of Mecklenburg on the south side of Roanoke River for the term of three years from the date hereof agreeable to the acts of Assembly passed 21st January 1803 and 10th January 1807 now if the said Austin Wright shall well and truly discharge the duties of his Office of Constable in the County aforesaid agreeable to Law then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue.
>
> Austin Wright
> Robert Wright
> Allen M Bilbo
>
> Witness
> Thomas Watkins
>
> At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 21st day of June 1813.
>
> This bond was acknowledged by Austin Wright Robert Wright and Allen M Bilbo parties thereto and Ordered to be recorded
>
> Teste
> William Baskerville cl cur:"

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on April 2, 1814, with 1 white male over 16, 3 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on April 1, 1815, with 1

white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, 1 blacks between 12 and 16, no blacks between 9 and 12, and 2 horses.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on April 6, 1816, with 1 white males over 16, 3 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on April 5, 1817, with 1 white male over 16, no free negroes over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on April 4, 1818, with 1 white male over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on April 3, 1819, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on March 27, 1820, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks over 16, no black between 12 and 16, and no horses.

The 1820 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wright, Jr.'s, one with a male aged 45+ and the other with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Austin Wright Junr	1	26-45	1	45+	
	2	0-10	1	26-45	
			1	0-10	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
2			1	45+
			1	14-26
			1	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
1	45+					
1	14-26					
1	0-14					

This record indicates that Austin Wright, Jr., was born between about 1775 and 1794.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on February 15, 1821, with 1 black over 12 and 1 horse.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on March 5, 1821, with 3 blacks over 12 and 1 horse.

The 1823 and 1824 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed only one Austin Wright, who was listed as Austin Wright, Sr.

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Austin Wrights, one of whom was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., on March 26, 1822, with 1 black over 12 and no horses.

The 1826, 1827, 1828, and 1829 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed only one Austin Wright, who was listed as Austin Wright, Sr.

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Austin Wright as one of his children:

> "In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament
> . . . .
> I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more.
> . . . .
> In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Austin Wright Senr

. . . .

Mecklenburg County State of Virginia

Whereas I Austin Wright Senr. of the county and State aforesaid (having by my Will made no provision for a home for the Wife and children of my son Austin Wright Junr. and Knowing at my death they will be without one, do now prompted by the natural love and affection I bear them make this a codicil to be annexed to my Will now in the possession of Nathaniel Alexander It is my desire and I do by these presents lend to my said son Austin during the life of himself and wife all the land I hold below and East of Hicks Ferry Road containing by Recent survey Sixty two acres and after the Death of himself & wife It is my desire that the said land be Equally divided between his two youngest sons Baldy Wright & Mark Wright to Whom I give it in fee simple. In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of October 1829.

Austin Wright sen:

. . . ."

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Austin Wright who was listed as Austin Wright, Jr., with 2 free males over 16, no slaves over 16, and 1 slave over 12.

The 1830 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright, Sr., Est with 371¾ acres of land on Cotton Creek and Austin Wright Junr with 62 acres of land on Cotton Creek.

The 1830 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list an Austin Wright.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list an Austin Wright.

The 1831 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Austin Wright, Jr Est with 62 acres of land on Cotton Creek. This record in conjunction with the 1830 Land Tax List indicates that Austin Wright, Jr., died between about spring 1830 and spring 1831.

The 1832 through 1835 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list an Austin Wright, consistent with his death before spring 1831.

On December 10, 1842, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 30/96, Henry Wright and his wife Leathia W. Wright sold to Lewis G. Meacham the 62 acre tract devised by Augustine Wright, Sr., as a life estate to Austin Wright, Jr, and his wife:

"This Indenture made this 10th day of Decr: 1842 between Henry Wright and Lethe W. his wife of the first part and Lewis G. Meacham of the second part all of the county of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia, Witnesseth, that the said Henry Wright & Lethe W. his wife for and in consideration of the sum of sixty dollars to them in hand paid by the said Lewis G. Meacham the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell all the right title and interest in a certain tract of land containing about sixty two acres be the same more or less & lying on Goodes ferry road on the south side of Roanoke river in the county of Mecklenburg Va it being the land left Mary Wright widow of Austin Wright Jnr: decd: by Austin Wright Snr decd: for and during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between the heirs of Austin Wright Jnr desd: To have and to hold the same in fee simple free from the claim or claims of said Henry Wright & Lethe W. his wife their heirs or assigns and all others As witness our hands and seals the day and Date above written

Henry Wright
Leathia W. Wright

Mecklenburg County towit:

We Nathl: Alexander & ____ Justices of the peace for the county of Mecklenburg Va do hereby certify that Lethe W. Wright wife of Henry Wright parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 10th day of Decr: 1842 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband & the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Leatha W. Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed & had no wish to retract what she has done. As witness our hands & seals this 10 day of Decr. 1842

Nathl Alexander JP
Chs Haskins JP

At a court held for Mecklenburg county at the court house thereof on the 19 day of December 1842. The foregoing deed of bargain and sale was this day acknowledged in open court by Henry Wright a party thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste R B Baptist C.C.

Exd. and delivd. to L G Meacham"

This record indicates that both Austin Wright, Jr., and his wife Mary (Nicholson) Wright had died before December 10, 1842. Although the will of Austin Wright, Sr., gave the remainder of the 62 acre tract to his grandsons Baldy Wright and Mark Wright, this

record indicates that both grandsons had apparently died and the remainder interest in the property had passed to their brother Henry Wright, apparently the sole survivor of the family.

8. Sarah L. "Sally" (Wright) Clemmonds Or Clements, Her Husband Edmund Clemmonds Or Clements, And Her Descendants

Sarah L. "Sally" (Wright) Clemmonds was a daughter of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

The will of Edmund Clemonds or Clements dated on April 3, 1785, and probated on August 8, 1785, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 2/107, listed Edmond Clemonds as one of his children:

> ". . . . I Edmund Clemonds of Mecklenburg County and Saint James's Parish . . . . do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament Imprimus I give and bequeath my whole estate both real estate to my wife Mary Clemonds during her widowhood. I also give give and bequeath to my son John Clemonds after the marriage or death of his mother my Tract of Land whereon I now live to him and his Heirs forever. I also give to my son John Clemonds a negro woman named Milly after the marriage or death of his mother to him and his Heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my son James Clemonds after the death or marriage of his mother a negro boy named Harry to him and his Heirs forever I also give and bequeath to my son Edmond Clemonds after the marriage or death of his mother a negro boy named Tony to him and his forever. and my desire is that if the above named Milly should have any more children before the marriage or death of my said wife that they be equally divided among my three children above named. and that all my Stock of Hoggs Cattle & Horses with all my Household & Kitchen furniture be equally divided after the marriage or death of my said wife among my three children before mentioned. . . . . In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 3rd day of April 1785 [1765?].
>
> Edmund Clements
>
> . . . .
> At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 8th day of August 1785
>
> This Will was proved by the Oaths of Zachariah Spurlock & Joseph Hambleton witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded. . . . ."

As set forth below, Edmund Clements married Sarah L. Wright.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list an Edmund Clements.

The 1803 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Edmund Clemonds with 1 white male over 16, 4 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Edmund Clements with 1 white male over 16, 3 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Edmund Clemonts with 1 white male over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Sarah L. Wright and Edmund Clemmonds or Clements on November 12, 1805, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all Men by these Presents, That we Edmund Clemmonds & Richard Moss are held and firmly bound unto John Page Esqr. Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Sum of one hundred & fifty dollars, to the which payment well and truly to be made to the said Govenor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of our heirs, Exors and admrs Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this 12 day of November 1805 In the 29 year of the Commonwealth
>
> The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if there be no lawful Cause to Obstruct a marriage Intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound Edmund Clemmonds & Sarah L. Wright then the above Obligation to be Void else to remain of force & Virtue.
>
> Edmund Clements
> Richd Moss
>
> Sealed and acknowledged)
> In Presence of)
> John Dortch"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Sarah L. Wright and Edmund Clemmonds on November 12, 1805, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Clemmonds, Edmund & Sarah L Wright 12 Nov 1805; b - Richard Moss"

The 1806 and 1807 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County,

Virginia, did not list an Edmund Clemmonds or Clements.

U.S. Census Reconstructed Records, 1660-1820, available from Ancestry.com, listed Edmund Clements in January 1809 in Madison County, Mississippi Territory (now Alabama) and aged over 21 with 17 slaves:

"Name	Edmund Clements
Age	Over 21
Gender	M (Male)
Color	White
Remarks	has 17 slaves
State	Alabama
Locality	Mississippi Territory
County	Madison County
Residence Year	1810
Household Remarks	Census of Madison County, enumeration taken Jan 1809"

Alabama, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1810-1890, available from Ancestry.com, listed Edmund Clements in 1811 in Madison County, Mississippi Territory (now Alabama):

"Name	Edmund Clements
Residence Date	1811
Residence Place	Mississippi Territory, Madison, Alabama, USA
Line Number	2523
Page number	006"

On June 5, 1815, at BLM Accession No. CV-0108-012, Charles H. Christian, as assignee of Edmund Clements, obtained a land grant for the NW ¼ of Section 31, Township 3, Range 2 East, in Madison County, Mississippi Territory (now Alabama), indicating the presence of Edmund Clements in Alabama at that time.

Edmund Clements has not as yet been found in the 1820 Census.

Arkansas, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1819-1860, , available from Ancestry.com, listed Edmunds Clemments in 1828 in Phillips County, Arkansas:

"Name	Edmunds Clemments
Record Type	Tax List
Residence Date	1828
Residence Place	St. Francis, Phillips, Arkansas, USA
Database	Ar 1819-1829 Tax Lists Index"

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Sally (Wright) Clements as one of his children:

> "In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament
> . . . .
> I Give and Bequeath unto my daughters nancy Wright Betsey Kendrick Polly Holloway, Martha Turner Jenny Potter & Sally clements each one dollar I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more.
> . . . .
> In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.
>
> Austin Wright Senr
> . . . ."

On May 27, 1829, at Phillips County, Arkansas, D.B. C/268, Edmund Clements of Phillips County, Arkansas, gifted to his children all of his personal property and slaves:

> "Know all men by these presents That I Edmund Clements of the county of Phillips and Territory of Arkansas of and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and bear for my children Louisa Caroline Clements Alexander Galbreth Clements James Edwin Clements and Mary Rhea Clements and also for divers other good causes and considerations me the said Edmund Clements hereuto moveing have given granted and confirmed unto the Said Louisa Caroline Clements Alexander Galbreath Clements James Edwin Clements and Mary Rhea Clements all and Singular my goods Chattels negroes and all personal estate whatsoever in whose hands custody or possession weverthey(?) be; To have hold and enjoy all and singular the Said goods Chattels and personal estate aforesaid unto the said Louisa Caroline Clements Alexander Galbreath Clements James Edwin Clements and Mary Rhea Clements Their executors administrators and assigns against me the Said Edmund Clements to the only proper use and behoof of the said Louisa Caroline Alexander Galbreath James Edwin and Mary Rhea Clements their executors Administrators and assigns forever and I the said Edmund Clements all and Singular the Said goods chattels negroes and all personal estate and other the premises to the Said Louisa Caroline Alexander Galbreath James Edwin and Mary Rhea Clements her executors administrators and assigns against the Said Edmund Clements my executors administrators and assigns and all and Every other person whatsoever Shall and will warrant and forever defend by these

presents of all and Singular which said goods chattels negroes and personal estate and other the premises I the Said Edmund Clements have put the Said Louisa Caroline Clements Alexander Galbreath Clements James Edwin Clements and Mary Rhea Clements in full possession by delivering to them one arin(?) and one cow and calf one horse one feather bed and one negro man Anthony at the time of the sealing and delivering of these presents in the name of the whole premises hereby granted In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this the 27th day of May 1829

Edmund Clements

In the presents of us
Peter Edwards
Ferdinand S. Harnoe

Be it remembered that on the 27th day of may 1829 this day personally appeared Edmund Clements before me Peter Edwards an acting Justice of the peace in and fore the County of Phillips and Territory of Arkansas and acknowledged that he had Signed & sealed the foregoneing(?) for the pursors(?) there in mentioned and contained and none other what ever

Given under my hand this day and date writen

Peter Edwards J.P.

Territory of Arkansas Phillips County. Ss

I M Hanks deputy Clerk for Geo. W Frelen Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Ex-officio recorder for the County afforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing Instrument of writing was filed for record in my office on the 27th day of May A D. 1829 and the same is now recorded this29th day of May A D 1829

M Hanks Dep Clk
for Geo: W. Frelen Clk"

This record identifies the children of Edmund Clements as follows:

1) Louisa Caroline Clements,
2) Alexander Galbreath Clements,
3) James Edwin Clements, and
4) Mary Rhea Clements.

The reference to his slave Anthony is evidence that this Edmund Clements is the same person as the son Edmond Clemonds who was given a slave boy named Tony in the will of his father Edmond Clemonds or Clements set forth above.

The 1830 Census for Phillips County, Arkansas, listed Edmonds Clemments with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Edmonds Clemments	1	50-60	1	40-50
	1	40-50	1	15-20
	1	10-15	1	5-10
	1	5-10		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
		1	10-24				

White Persons included in the foregoing

Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
8					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing

Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Edmund Clements was born between about 1770 and 1780 or between about 1780 and 1790 and that Sarah L. (Wright) Clements was born between about 1780 and 1790.

On February 10, 1834, at BLM Accession No. AR0010__.335, Edmund Clements obtained a land grant for 40 acres of land in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Secction 28, Township 2 South, Range 5 East, in Phillips County, Arkansas.

On April 10, 1837, at BLM Accession No. AR1640__.026, Edmond Clements of Phillips County, Arkansas, obtained a land grant for 40 acres of land in the NW ¼ of the

SW ¼ of Section 28, Township 2 South, Range 5 East, in Phillips County, Arkansas.

The 1850 Census for Phillips County, Arkansas, listed A. G. Clements and his age as 36 and born in Alabama, indicating a date of birth in about 1814. This record indicates that his parents Edmund Clements and Sarah L. (Wright) Clements resided in 1814 in Alabama.

9. Robert Wright, Jr. (Warren County, North Carolina) And His Wife Rebecca (Turner) Wright

Robert Wright, Jr. (Warren County, North Carolina) was a son of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

From 1805 through 1811 the Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright.

North Carolina, County Marriages, 1762-2011, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Robert Wright and Rebecca Turner on November 28, 1810, in Warren County, North Carolina:

"State of North-Carolina,)
Warren County.)

Know all Men by these Presents, That we Robert Wright & Nathaniel Harrison of the county aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto David Stone Esquire, Governor, &c. of the State of North-Carolina, in the full and just sum of five hundred pounds; for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made unto the said Governor, or to his successors in office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, &c. jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 28th day of Novr A. D. 1810

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas there is a Marriage shortly to be solemnized and had between the above bounden Robert Wright & Rebecca Turner Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force, virtue and power.

Robert Wright
Nathl. Harrison

Signed sealed and delivered)
in the presence of)
M Duke Johnson Cte(?)"

On March 15, 1811, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 14/376, Robert Wright, Jr., purchased from James Whitlow, Sr., and his wife Nelley Whitlow 66 acres of land on Cotton Creek in Mecklenburg County:

"This Indenture made this 15th day of March Anno Domini 1811 between James Whitlow Senr. of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia of the one part and Robert Wright junr of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said James Whitlow Sen. for and in Consideration of the sum of Sixty pounds Virginia money to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is by the said James Whitlow Sen. hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain sell and confirm unto the said Robert Wright Junr. one certain tract or parcel of land lying on the waters on the East side Cotton Creek in Mecklenburg County and Containing by survey Sixty Six acres more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Begining at a Black Jack on the head of a Branch on Arthur Davis's line and down the Branch as it meanders 132 poles to a dogwood in Hammes line thence North 19° East 126 poles to a white oak, thence South 70° East 26 poles to a red oak thence South 15° East 150 poles to the begining together with all priviledges Franchises immediates(?) and heriditaments to the same in any wise belonging or appertaining To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land to the said Robert Wright Jun. his heirs and assigns forever with all its properties priviledges and appurtenances to the said Robert Wright Jun. his heirs and assigns forever And I do hereby covenant & oblige myself and my heirs to support and warrant a good & sufficient right and title in fee simple to the said Land to the said Robert Wright Jun and him defend against the claim or claims and demand of any person or persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof the said James Whitlow Senr. hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above written

James Whitlow Sen

Nelley her X mark Whitlow

Signed Sealed & acknowledged)
In presence of Witness)
Henry White
Benjamin Freeman
Daniel White

Obedience her X mark Whitlow

At a Court held for Meckleburg County the 18th day of March 1811

This Deed poll was proved by the oaths of Henry White Benjamin Freeman and Daniel White witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
William Baskerville Cl: Cur:"

Robert Wright was designated as "junior" to distinguish him as younger than the other, older 1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County who was the son of 1819 Reuben Wright. The legal age for a male to acquire land at this time in Virginia was 21, indicating that Robert Wright, Jr., was probably born before March 15, 1790. As set forth above, Cotton Creek was where Augustine or Austin Wright, Sr., owned land and indicates that Robert Wright, Jr. (Warren County, North Carolina) was the same person as Robert Wright, the son of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County.

On March 16, 1812, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 14/544, Robert Wright, Jr., filed a certificate setting forth his right to two slaves by reason of his marriage to Rebecca (Turner) Wright:

"State of No Carolina)
Warren County) February Lep 1812

This is to certify that it has been made appear to this Court by the evidence of Stephen Turner that Robert Wright Junr of the County of Mecklenburg and state of Virginia is entitled by intermarriage with Rebecca Turner now Rebecca Wright formerly of Warren County to two negroes, to wit, a negro boy Jim of a dark complexion of about eleven years old and negro girl Milly of a rather yellowish colour of abought the age of fourteen year.

I hereby Certify the above as a correct copy from the records of this Court.

Teste
Wm Green Cl. curt.

I hereby certify that William Green is Clerk of the County Court of Warren and that full faith and credit is due to all his official Acts as Clerk.

Henry Tills Pres J.

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 16th day of March 1812

This Certificate was produced in Court by Robert Wright Junr and on his Motion It is Ordered that the same be Recorded

Teste
William Baskerville cl. cur."

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright on March 16, 1812, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Robert Wrights on April 3, 1813, one with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses and one with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

On June 21, 1813, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 15/170, Robert Wright, Austin Wright, Jr., and Allen M. Bilbo filed their bond for the appointment of Austin Wright, Jr., as constable for Mecklenburg County on the south side of the Roanoke River:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Austin Wright Junior Robert Wright and Allen M Bilbo of Mecklenburg County are held and firmly bound unto his excellency James Barbour Esquire Governor or Chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of our selves our and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 21st day of June 1813 in the 37th year of the Commonwealth. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Austin Wright is appointed a Constable of the said County of Mecklenburg on the south side of Roanoke River for the term of three years from the date hereof agreeable to the acts of Assembly passed 21st January 1803 and 10th January 1807 now if the said Austin Wright shall well and truly discharge the duties of his Office of Constable in the County aforesaid agreeable to Law then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue.
>
> Austin Wright
> Robert Wright
> Allen M Bilbo
>
> Witness
> Thomas Watkins
>
> At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 21st day of June 1813.
>
> This bond was acknowledged by Austin Wright Robert Wright and Allen M Bilbo parties thereto and Ordered to be recorded
>
> Teste

William Baskerville cl cur:"

A family member often acted as surety on such a bond and this record indicates a connection to Austin Wright, Jr., and is additional evidence that Robert Wright, Jr. (Warren County, North Carolina) was a son of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright on April 2, 1814, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, 1 black between 9 and 12, and 2 horses.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Robert Wright on April 1, 1815, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The 1815 Tax List for Warren County, North Carolina, did not list a Robert Wright, but did list a Reuben Wright, Jr., with 150 acres of land.

On February 22, 1816, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 16/253, Robert Wright and his wife Rebecca Wright of Warren County, North Carolina, sold to Mackey Taylor their 66 acres of land on Cotton Creek in Mecklenburg County:

> "This Indenture made the twenty second day of February eighteen hundred and sixteen between Robert Wright Jnr and Rebecah his wife of the County of Warren & state of No Carolina of the one part and Mackey Taylor of the County of Mecklenburg state of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that the said Robert Wright and Rebecca his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Mackey Taylor the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold and Delivered and by these presents doth absolutely bargain sell deliver convey and confirm unto the said Mackey Taylor his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of Land lying on the waters on the East side of Cotton Creek in Mecklenburg County and containing by survey sixty six acres more or less and bounded as follows Viz begining at a blackjack on the head of a branch on Arthur Davis' line and down the branch as it meanders 132 poles to a dogwood in Hammes line thence north 19° East 126 po to a white oak thence South 70 E 26 po to a red oak thence South 15 E 150 po to the begining Together with all priviledges annuities and hereditaments to the same in any wise belonging or appurtaining To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of Land to the said Mackey Taylor his heirs and forever with all its properties priviledges and appurtenances to the said Mackey Taylor his heires & assigns forever and We the said Robert Wright and Rebecah his wife do hereby covenant and oblige ourselves and heires to support and warrant a good and sufficient right and title in fee simple to the land to the Mackey Taylor and him defend against the claim or claims and demands

of any person or persons whatsoever In witness whereof the said Robert Wright and Rebecah his wife hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year above written

Robert Wright
Rebecah Wright

Signed sealed & acknowledged in presence of
A P____(?) [image very light and difficult to read]
____(?)
____(?)

Mecklenburg County (to Wit)

We Samuel Goode and Presley Hinton magistrates in said County do hereby ____(?) Robert Wright and Rebecah his wife parties to the within conveyance hath ____(?) acknowledged the same before us on the seventh day of may in the year eighteen hundred and sixteen and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of Mecklenburg in order that the said conveyance may be recorded ____(?)

Saml Goode
Presley Hinton

This Indenture with the certificate of the acknowledgement of Robert Wright a party thereto was delivered ____(?) at the Clerks office of Mecklenburg County the 15th day of July 1816 to be recorded

Teste Edward L. Tabb Cl

Mecklenburg County (to wit)

We Samuel Goode and Presley Hinton Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Rebecah Wright the wife of Robert Wright parties to the within deed for the conveyance of real Estate to Mackey Taylor bearing date the seventh day of May Eighteen hundred and sixteen personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and haveing the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Rebecah Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it

Given under our hands and seals

Saml Goode
Presley Hinton

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 19 day of August 1816

This Certificate of the privy examination and acknowledgement of Rebecah Wright wife of Robert Wright was returned into Court and ordered to be recorded

Teste Edward L Tabb Cl cut"

This record indicates that Robert Wright and Rebecca (Turner) Wright had moved to Warren County, North Carolina, in early 1816.

The 1816, 1817, 1818, and 1819 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright, consistent with their move to Warren County, North Carolina.

The 1820 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed Robert Wright on August 7, 1820, with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Robert Wright	1	26-45	1	16-26	
	2	0-10	2	0-10	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
1			1	14-26
			1	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
3	14-26					
2	0-14					

This record indicates that Robert Wright was born between about 1775 and 1794.

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Robert Wright as one of his children:

"In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and

State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament

. . . .

I also Give and bequeath unto my Sons austin Wright & Robert Wright as also the Heir or Heirs of my deceased Son John Wright the like Sum of one dollar & no more my having hereto fore at them Setting out in life & at their marriage given to each afare portion or part of my Estate for which & Other reasons, I add nothing more.

. . . .

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Austin Wright Senr

. . . ."

This record indicates that Robert Wright, Jr. (Warren County, North Carolina) died after May 11, 1829.

Robert Wright has not as yet been found in the 1830 Census.

10. Samuel Wright

Samuel Wright was a son of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Sarah or "Salley" (Lark) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

The 1828 and 1829 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Samuel Wright.

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Samuel Wright as one of his children:

"In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament

. . . .

I Give devise and bequeath unto my son Samuel Wright One feather Bed & furniture second choice to him and his Heirs forever

. . . .

I Will and direct after all my Just debts shall be paid & satisfied the Ballance Remaining shall be divided as follows, one third thereof, I Give and bequeath unto my Wife Lucy one third thereof, I Give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Wright to be placed by my Executor in the hands of my friend & neighbor Nathl. Alexander Esq: with an earnest request from me that he Will hold it & dispose of it from time to time for the sole use and benefit of my said Son Samuel. and one

third I hereby Give and bequeath unto my said daughter Rebecca B. Farrer to her & her heirs forever . . . . In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Austin Wright Senr

. . . .

A Codicil to my last Will and testament which I have here solemnly appended and desire may constitute & make part of my said Will within Written & subscribed to (that is to say that instead of one third the amount of sales after payment of my Just debts [obscured portion] I give devise and bequeath unto my son Samuel Wright one half the amount thereof the remainder or the other half I Will and direct Shall be equally divided between my said Wife Lucy Wright & my daughter Rebecca B. Farrer to whom & their Heirs forever I give the same In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this eleventh day of May 1829.

Austin Wright senr

. . . ."

The provisions for Samuel Wright set forth in this Will suggest a possibly disabled child.

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Samuel Wright on March 30, 1830, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1830 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Samuel Wright.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Samuel Wright on February 28, 1831, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1832, 1833, and 1834 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Samuel Wright.

11. Rebecca B. (Wright) Farrar, Her Husbands William H. Farrar And Edmund B. Medley, And Her Descendants

Rebecca B. (Wright) (Farrar) Medley was a daughter of 1829 Augustine or Austin Wright of Mecklenburg County and Lucy (Holloway) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1829 Augustine[2])

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Rebecca B. Wright and William H. Farrar on August 1, 1825, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"The Clerk of Mecklenburg County are hereby Authorised to Grant Mr William H Farrar a licence to Intermarry with my Daughter Rebecca B Wright

July 30th 1825 Austin Wright

Witness
B H Baily
Jno. B Turnbull

Know all men by these presents that we William H Farrar and Bennet H Bailey are held and firmly bound unto James Pleasants Esqr Governor or Chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia and his Successors in the Sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to which payment well & truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs &c Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 1st day of August 1825

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that whereas a marriage is Shortly intended to be Solemnized between the above bound Wm H Farrar and Rebecca B Wright now if there shall be no legal impediment to the said marriage then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force & virtue

W H Farrar
B H Baily"

The consent of Austin Wright to the marriage indicates that Rebecca B. Wright was under 18 years of age and therefore, born after about 1807, which would make her a daughter of Augustine or Austin Wright's second marriage to Lucy (Holloway) Wright.

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., listed the marriage of Rebecca B. Wright and William H. Farrar on August 1, 1825, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Farrar, William H & Rebecca B Wright 1 Aug 1825; b - B H Bailey con- Austin Wright, Sr., father"

The will of Austin Wright dated on May 11, 1829, with two codicils dated on May 11, 1829, and October 29, 1829, and probated on December 21, 1829, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/72, listed Wright as one of his children:

"In the name of God Amen I austin Wright Senr: of Mecklenburg county and State of Virginia . . . . do make and publish these present instrument as my last Will and testament

. . . .

Imprimis I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Lucy Wright & her Heirs forever, one feather Bed & furniture, first choice I lend unto my said Wife Lucy

One negroe man named nicholas & one negroe Boy named Caesar during her natural life or Widowhood, and at her death I Give devise and bequeath the said two negroes above named to my daughter Rebecca B. Farrer and to her heirs forever

. . . .

I Give devise & Bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca B. Farrer my desk & large dining Table to her & her heirs forever.

. . . .

I Will and direct after all my Just debts shall be paid & satisfied the Ballance Remaining shall be divided as follows, one third thereof, I Give and bequeath unto my Wife Lucy one third thereof, I Give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Wright to be placed by my Executor in the hands of my friend & neighbor Nathl. Alexander Esq: with an earnest request from me that he Will hold it & dispose of it from time to time for the sole use and benefit of my said Son Samuel. and one third I hereby Give and bequeath unto my said daughter Rebecca B. Farrer to her & her heirs forever and Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my son in law William H. Farrer Without security or appraisment Specially, Sole executor of this my last Will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of may in the &ear of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Austin Wright Senr

. . . .

A Codicil to my last Will and testament which I have here solemnly appended and desire may constitute & make part of my said Will within Written & subscribed to (that is to say that instead of one third the amount of sales after payment of my Just debts [obscured portion] I give devise and bequeath unto my son Samuel Wright one half the amount thereof the remainder or the other half I Will and direct Shall be equally divided between my said Wife Lucy Wright & my daughter Rebecca B. Farrer to whom & their Heirs forever I give the same In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this eleventh day of May 1829.

Austin Wright senr

. . . ."

The 1830 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed William H. Farrar with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
William H Farrar	1	20-30	1	50-60
	2	15-20	1	20-30
			1	0-5

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	55-100	1	36-55				
5	24-36	1	10-24				
2	10-24						
5	0-10						

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
21					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Rebecca B. (Wright) (Farrar) Medley and William H. Farrar were born between about 1800 and 1810.

In August 1839 at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 15/116, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of William H. Farrar dated on November 6, 1838, was filed showing a value of $4,791.12, including 8 slaves.

The 1840 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Rebecca Farrar with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Rebecca Farrar	1	20-30	1	20-30
	1	5-10	1	0-5

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				2	55-100	1	24-36
				1	24-36	1	10-24
				2	10-24	2	0-10
				1	0-10		

	Number of Persons in each Family Employed in					
Total	Mining	Agri-culture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navi-gation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
14		7				

Learned profes-sions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolu-tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing		
	Names	Ages	Deaf and Dumb No.	Ages	Blind

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and In-sane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Univer-sities or College	Number of Students	Acade-mies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 20 years of age
in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Rebecca B. (Wright) (Farrar) Medley was born between about 1810 and 1820.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Rebecca B. Farrar and Edmund B. Medly on January 10, 1843, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"To the Clerk of Mecklenburg County January 9th 1843

Sir

you will please Grant to Mr. Edmund B. Meadly Licence to marry me and this shall be your sufficient authority and justification for the same.

Rebecca B. Farrar & oblije - ___(?)

Witness
John P. Smith
Francis T Weaver

Know all men by these presents, that we, Eamund B Mealey and Francis T. Weaver are held and firmly bound unto James McDowell Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of One Hundred & Fifty Dollars, current money, to be paid to the said Governor, for the time being, and his successors in office; to which payment, well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves, and each of us, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 10th day of January 1843.

The Condition Of The Above Obligation Is Such,
That whereas there is a Marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Eamond B Mealey and Rebecca B. Farrar of this County:

Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in force.

Edmund B. Medley
Francis T Weaver"

The handwriting on the marriage bond appears to read as Mealey, but the signature is

clearly Medley.

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., listed the marriage of Rebecca B. Farrar and Edmund B. Mealey on January 10, 1843, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Mealey, Edmund B & Rebecca B Farrar 10 Jan 1843 b - Francis T Weaver"

The 1850 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Edmund P. Medley with the following household on November 4, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Edmund P. Medley	40	M		Farmer	1350
Rebecca B. Medley	42	F		.	
John Farrar	18	M		Student	
Mary E. Farrar	16	F		.	

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Va.		.		
Va.		.		
Va.		(1)		
Va.		(1)		

This record indicates that Rebecca B. (Wright) (Farrar) Medley was born in about 1808 and that Edmund B. Medley was born in about 1810. The 1808 year of birth of Rebecca indicates that she was the daughter of Augustine or Austin Wright and his second wife Lucy (Holloway) Wright who had married in 1806.

The will of Edmund B. Medley was dated on March 26, 1857, probated on April 20, 1857, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 19/130, and provided as follows:

> "I Edmund B Medley of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia do make publish and declare this writing to be my true last will and testament, Viz: In the first place I wish all my just Debts and funeral expences to be paid. 2nd I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca B Medley every thing that I have real and personal, whether in possession, remainder or reversion, to her and her heirs forever. And I do hereby appoint by said wife Rebecca B Medley my Executrix, and desire that the Court will not require her to give security as Executrix upon my estate. Witness my hand & seal this 26" day of March 1857.

E. B. Medley

Witness
Richd. B Baptist
R F Sturdivant

Mecklenburg County Court April 20th 1857.

The foregoing last will and testament of Edmund B Medley deceased was this day produced in Court , and proved by the oath of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste R. F. Clack D.C."

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of John A. Farrar and Salina S. Moss on July 23, 1855, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and his parents as William H. Farrar and Rebecca B. Farrar and his age as 23 and born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1832.

The 1860 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Rebecca Medley in the Thomas Williams household on July 19, 1860, her age as 58 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1802, and her occupation as domestic.

Rebecca B. (Wright) (Farrar) Medley has not as yet been found in the 1870 Census.

B. 1819 Reuben Wright Of Mecklenburg County, His Wife Charlotte (____) Wright, And His Descendants

1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County was a son of 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County and Mary (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1])

Southside Virginia Wright Families, 1755-1820, by Lucius F. Wright, also discussed 1819 Reuben Wright at pages 47 to 48 and 60 to 70.

The first record of 1819 Reuben Wright was found in Brunswick County, Virginia.

On February 20, 1777, at Brunswick County, Virginia, D.B. 13/69, Reuben Wright and Joshua Wright were witnesses to the deed to Robert Wright of Brunswick County, Virginia, from Robert Briggs and his wife Ruth Briggs and Samuel Briggs and his wife Betty Briggs for 280 acres of land. The legal age in Virginia at this time for witnessing a document was 14, indicating that Reuben Wright was probably born before February

20, 1763.

On October 15, 1777, at Brunswick County, Virginia, D.B. 13/67, Reuben Wright of King William County purchased from Thomas and Elizabeth Briggs of Brunswick County 150 acres of land in Brunswick County:

> "This Indenture made the 15th day of october 1777 Between Thomas Briggs and Elizabeth his Wife of the said parish of saint and County of Brunswick of the one part and Reuben Wight of the County of king William of the othere part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Briggs and Elizabeth his Wife for and in Consideration of the saum of one hundred and Thirty pounds Current Money of virginia them in hand paid by the said Reuben Wright before the Ensealing and Delivering of these presents the Recept whare of they Do acknowledge and therof and Every part and parcel there of do fully Clarely and absolutely agrees Exenorate and Dis Charge They said Reuben Wright his heirs Executors administrators and assigns by there presence and for Divers them Good(?) Causes and Consideration to themunto moving the said Thomas Briggs and Elizabeth his wife have granted and Bargained and sold alienated and Confirmed and presents Do Grand Bargain sell then and absolutely Confirm unto Ruben Wright and his heirs a Certain Tract of Land situate lying and being in the parish of saint in the County of Brunswick aforesaid and on the south side of Wayne Containing by Estamatons one hundred and fifty acres more or Less and Bounded as followeth to wit Begining at a small Hickory on a Branch thence up the Meanders of the said Branch to a Red oak on the same thence south Fore(?) hundred and Eight pols to a Red oak on Reves Line thence by his line East Two hundred and ten pols to his Corner onto his Line thence by a Line of Marked Trees to the Land of the Gum Branch and Down the Meanders of said Branch to Walkers Line thence along his Line to the Begining and and singular however Buildings or other Improvements woods underwood marshes Swamps Meadow Grounds or other appertunances to the Sum adjoining and also the revertion and Reversions Remainder or Remainders wright Estate Interest Benefit Clam or Demand Whatsoever Them that the said Thomas Briggs and Elizabeth his Wife in and to singular the said prem and of in and to part and parcel of them and of in all yearly and other Rents Reservs on any Demesions or lease to the said premises or any part thereof to have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land Containing one hundred and fifty acres more or with the Bound above mentioned unto the said Rubin Wright his heirs and assigns forever to the only use and behoof of him the said Rubin his heirs and assigns Premase(?) The said Thomas Briggs and Elizabeth his Wife for theselvs and ther heirs the said tract or parcel of Land and all singular other the premises with and Every of their apperten unto him the said Rubin Wright is heir and assigns against the said Thomas Briggs and Elizabeth his wif and ther heirs or any other person or persons whatsoever will warrent and for Ever Defend by these presents Clam from all Incumbrances whatsoever in Witness wharof the said Thomas wright and Elizabeth his Wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the Day and year above written

Thomas Briggs
Elizabeth Briggs

Signed Sealed and Delivered)
In presents of Us)
Robert Wright
Samuel Briggs
Josha(?) wright

Memorandum that all and peaceable possession Sission was given and Delivered by the with Named Thomas Briggs of all the Land and mremise within Mentioned unto the said Rubin his heirs and assigns

Thomas Briggs

In presence of us)
Robert Wright)
Samuel Briggs
Josanha(?) Wright

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 23d Day of February 1778 This Indenture and memorandom thereon endorsed were proved by Oath of Robert Wright Samuel Briggs and Joshua Wright the Witnesses

Test Peter Pelham y a Cl Cour"

This deed is of an unusual form and it is unclear whether it was the scrivener of the deed or the person who copied the deed into the court records who was responsible for the incorrect form and misspelled and missing words. Significantly, the deed referred to Reuben Wright as of King William County, indicating that he resided there at the time of the execution of this deed. The legal age in Virginia at this time for acquiring land was 21, which indicates that Reuben Wright was probably born before October 15, 1756. The deed was recorded on the same day as Brunswick County Deed 13/67 referred to above and was witnessed by Robert Wright and Joshua Wright.

The 1782 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed one Reubin Wright immediately after Robert Wright and with 6 persons in the household, 2 horses, 18 cattle, and including slaves Jack, Sarah, Aggy, Michael, and Phill. Immediately above Reubin Wright was the listing for 1783 Robert Wright with 11 persons in the household.

The 1782 Land Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Write with

150 acres of land, reflecting the purchase by Brunswick County Deed 13/67.

On May 28, 1782, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 13/459, Reuben Wright, Robert Wright, William Walker, George Trotter were appointed as appraisers of the estate of Moses Penn:

> "Ordered that William Walker, Robert Wright, Reubin Wright & George Trotter or any three of them being first duly sworn do appraise the Estate of Moses Penn decd. and make report thereof to the Court"

The Robert Wright of this record may have been 1783 Robert Wright, but given his death shortly after this date, the Robert Wright of this record was more probably Robert Wright, the son of 1783 Robert Wright, who would be serving with his brother 1819 Reuben Wright.

The 1783 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reubin Wright with 3 tithes, 6 persons, 2 horses, and 17 cattle, including slaves Jack, Sarah, Agey, Meck, and Phill. As set forth below, the slaves Jack, Sarah, and Phill were all mentioned in the 1799 Mecklenburg County Personal Property Tax List for 1819 Reuben Wright and in either the will or inventory of 1819 Reuben Wright, thereby confirming the common identities of the Reuben Wright who resided in Brunswick County and 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County. Immediately above Reubin was the listing of the Estate of Robert Wright with 5 tithes, 10 persons, 2 horses, and 35 cattle, including slaves Daniel, George, Dinah, Milley, Phibey, Jacob, Lucy, Nancy, Peter, and Silvey. The transfer of slave Phil from Robert Wright in 1782 to Reubin Wright in 1783 indicates a family relationship and as set forth below, that relationship was of father and son.

The 1783 to 1786 Land Tax List Alterations for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Reuben Wright.

Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820, by Lucius F. Wright, stated that on April 28, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/138, the following was recorded:

> "On motion of Reubin Wright, Certificate granted him to obtain Letters of Administration on est of Robert Wright, decd. Bartholomew Ingram and Thomas Penn securities for £2000. William Walker, Richard Lamb, John Haskins, and George Trotter to appraise the estate and the same persons to lay off to the widow her dower."

As the eldest son of Robert Wright, Reuben Wright would have had the right to act as administrator of Robert Wright's estate. The Brunswick County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists listed only one Reuben Wright and that was the Reuben with slaves Jack, Sarah, Agey, Meck, and Phill in 1783, therefore identifying that Reuben Wright as the son of 1783 Robert Wright.

The will of Robert Wright dated on August 11, 1781, and probated on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/438, listed Reubin Wright as one of his children and nominated him as a co-executor, but Reubin Wright declined to act as such executor:

> "I Robert Wright in Brunswick County do make this my last will and Testament . . . .
> I give unto son Reubin Wright my two work steers I do appoint my sons Reubin and Joshua my Executors of this my last will and Testament this 11th Day August 1781.
>
> Robert Wright
>
> Brunswick County Court 26th May 1783
>
> This writing was produced as the last will and Testament of Robert Wright decd. and on examining sundry witnesses the Court are of opinion the same was wholly wrote by the Testator, and that same ought to be recorded as his true last will and Testament, and the Executors therein named having refused to act on the motion of Austin Wright and he having given bond with security and taken the oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of Administration of the said estate with this his will annexed
>
> Teste
> Drury Stith Cl C"

The 1784 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reubin Wright with 10 taxable persons, 4 tithes, no whites under 21, 4 horses, and 17 cattle.

The 1785 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reubin Wright with 8 taxable persons, 3 tithes, no whites under 21, 4 horses, and 17 cattle, including slaves Jack, Sall, Aggy, Ussy, Mike, Phil, and Roling.

The 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reubin Wright with 9 taxable persons, 3 tithes, no whites under 21, 4 horses, and 18

cattle, including slaves Jack, Sall, Ussa, Agg, Mike, Phill, Roda, and Sylvia.

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright on April 27, 1787, with no whites between 16 and 21, 2 blacks above 16, 6 blacks under 16, 5 horses, and 17 cattle.

The 1787 through 1793 Land Tax Lists for Brunswick County, Virginia, consistently listed Reuben Wright with 150 acres of land.

The 1788 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright on July 17, 1788, with 2 whites between 16 and 21, 2 blacks above 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright on April 25, 1789, with 3 whites between 16 and 21, 4 blacks above 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 3 white tithes, 4 negro tithes, no negroes between 12 and 16, and 4 horses. Reuben Wright was listed immediately before Robert Wright who was listed with 1 white tithe and 1 horse.

The 1790 Census for Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 3 white tithes, 4 black tithes, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 2 white tithes, 4 black tithes, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses. Reuben Wright was listed immediately before Robert Wright who was listed with 1 white tithe and 1 horse.

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 2 white tithes, 4 black tithes, 2 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1794 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 1 white tithes, 4 black tithes, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

The 1794 Land Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright

with 151 acres of land.

The 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 1 white tithes, 4 black tithes, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1794 Land Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 151 acres of land.

On October 16, 1795, at Brunswick County, Virginia, D.B. 16/172, Reubin Wright and his wife Charlotte Wright of Brunswick County sold to Leonard Ward Walker their 150 acres of land in Brunswick County:

> "This Indenture made this 16th day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Five Between Leonard Ward Walker of the County of Brunswick of the one part and Reubin Wright & Charlotte his wife of the aforesaid County of the Other part, Witnesseth, that the said Reubin Wright & Charlotte his wife hath Bargained & sold & doth by these presents grant, Bargain, & sell unto the aforesaid Leonard Ward Walker for and in Consideration of the sum of One Hundred pounds good & Lawful Money of Virginia, to him the said Reubin Wright & Charlotte his wife in Hand paid whereof the reciept we do hereby acknowledge, one certain Tract or parcel of Land lying Between and Situate in the County aforesaid, containing by estimation One Hundred & Fifty Acres be the same more or less & bounded as followeth Beginning at John Flood Edmunds's corner Tree over Flat Rock Road on Gilliams line to Canadays line, thence along Canadays line down to Paups line (formerly Walkers line) thence along the said line to a Branch thence up the run of the said Branch to Stith's line, thence along the said line to Parkers line, thence along Parkers line to the Beginning. To have & to hold unto the said Leonard Ward Walker in fee to him & his Heirs and Assigns forever & we the said Reubin Wright & Charlotte his wife doth hereby agree to warrant & defend all Claim or Claims of any person or persons whatsoever unto the said Leonard Ward Walker to him, his Heirs & Assigns forever for which we do bind ourselves our Heirs Executors & Administrators as Witness our Hands and Seals this 16th day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Ninety Five
>
> Reubin Wright
>
> Charlotte her X mark Wright
>
> Signed Sealed and)
> Delivered in the presents of)
> John Paup, Thomas Pelham,)
> Sterling Niblett Jr, John Smith,)

Brunswick County Court October 26th. 1795

This Indenture of Bargain & sale was Acknowledged by Reubin Wright & Charlotte his wife parties thereto to be their act & Deed and Ordered to be recorded, previous to which acknowledgment the said Charlotte being first privily Examined as the Law directs did Voluntarily assent thereto

Teste
C B Jones CBC"

This record identifies the wife of Reuben Wright as Charlotte (____) Wright and as set forth below, the wife of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County was also Charlotte (____) Wright.

The 1795 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Reuben Wright.

On October 19, 1795, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 21/95, Reuben Wright of Brunswick County purchased from John Hopkins 347 acres of land in Mecklenburg County, but not fully recorded until 1824:

"This Indenture made this nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and ninety five between John Hopkins of the County of Mecklenburg of the one part and Reuben Wright of the County of Brunswick of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Hopkins for and in Consideration of the Sum of Two Hundred and thirty one pounds Six shillings and eight pence Current money of Virginia to him in hand paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath given, granted bargained, sold, released enfeoffed and Confirmed, and by these presents doth give, grant bargain, Sell, release, enfeoff and Confirm unto the said Reuben Wright One Certain Tract or parcel of land Situate lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg and bounded as followeth (to Wit) begining at Henry Kings Corner white oak in the Country line thence along his line north thirty one degrees west One Hundred and Sixty poles to a white oak thence north forty degrees West One Hundred and twenty poles to a black oak thence north Eighty degrees West One hundred and twenty poles to a black Oak thence South forty Seven degrees West one hundred and forty Six poles to a pin on Round Hill branch thence down the same as it meanders to a Gum in the Country line thence along the same East Two Hundred and thirty six poles to the begining which said Tract or parcel of Land was Granted to George Scott by ____ bearing date the sixteenth day of February One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One and Contains three Hundred & forty Seven acres more or less, together with all its appurtinances, Rranchises, Hereditaments profits Issues & Immunities thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining - To have & to hold, the said land and premises unto the said Reuben Wright his heirs and assigns forever, to the only proper use and behoof of him the said

Reuben Wright his heirs and assigns forever, and the said John Hopkins for himself and his heirs doth hereby warrant and forever will defend a full right and title in fee simple in the aforesaid Tract of land to the said Reuben Wright his heirs and assigns, free from the claim or claims of him the said John Hopkins, his heirs or any person or persons Claiming under him, or free from the Claim or Claims of any and every other person or of Bodies Corporate or politic. In Testimony whereof the said John Hopkins hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above written.

John Hopkins

Executed in presents of us
Saml Hopkins Jr Edmund Hopkins)
Hutchins Ferrell, Robert Wright) NB. the 27th line interlined before Signed

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 11th day of April 1796.

This Deed poll was proved by the Oaths of Edmund Hopkins & Robert Wright Witnesses thereto.

And at a Court held for the said County the 16th day of August 1824

Samuel Hopkins, and Hutchins Ferrell the other two subscribing witnesses being dead Newman Dortch a witness being sworn saith that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Witness and believes that their names as witnesses to the foregoing Deed is subscribed in their own proper hand Writing & the same is Ordered to be recorded

Teste Edwd L Tabb Cl"

The 1796 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Reuben Wright, consistent with the sale of his land and his move to Mecklenburg County.

The 1796 and later Land Tax Lists for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Reuben Wright, but the 1796 Land Tax List Alterations for Brunswick County, Virginia, did list a transfer of 15 acres of land from Reuben Wright to Lawson Denington:

"Alterations in Land for the Year 1796 St. Andrews Parish

From Whom	No. Acres	To whom
. . . .		
Reubin Wright	15	Lawson Denington
. . . ."		

The 1782 through 1795 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Reuben Wright, consistent with his residence in Brunswick County during that time.

The 1796 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 1 free male, 5 slaves above 16, no slaves between 12 and 16, and 3 horses, including slaves Jack, Phill, Sall, Ussa, and Lucy. The similarity of the names of the slaves in this tax list to that of the names of the slaves of Reubin Wright in the 1786 Brunswick County tax list identifies the Reuben Wright in both records as the same person.

The 1796 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 347 acres of land, reflecting his purchase by Mecklenburg County Deed 21/95.

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 1 free males, 5 slaves above 16, 1 slave between 12 and 16, and 3 horses, including slaves Jack, Sary, Lucy, Ussa, Phill, and Rhody.

The 1797 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright with 347 acres of land.

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with son Thomas Wright and 2 whites over 16, 5 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, including slaves Jack, Phill, Sall, Lucy, and Ussy.

The 1798 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright with 347 acres of land.

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright with the following household:

List of the Taxable Property within the District of John Holmes Commissioner of the Tax in the County of Mecklenburg for the year 1799	White over 16	Blacks over 16	Blacks over 12 & under
Reuben Wright	1	5	.
Lucy, Sary, Jack, Phill			
Peter 16			

Horses Mares
Colts Mules

4

The 1799 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuban Wright with the following property:

	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Amount of Value of Lands	Amount of Tax on Land Dollars/Cts
Reuban Wright	347	1.17	406.09	2.03

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, including slaves Jack, Phill, Peter, Lucy, and Sarah.

The 1800 Land Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Reuben Wright, but it appears that only one of two lists was microfilmed.

The 1800 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with son Thomas and 2 whites over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with sons Thomas and Joshua and 3 whites over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

On March 8, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 13/137, Reuben Wright purchased from Reuben Dunnington 86 acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

> "This Indenture made this 8 day of March one thousand eight hundred and five between Reuben Dunnington of the one part and Reuben Wright of the other

part both of the County of Mecklenburg Virginia Witnesseth, that the said Reuben Dunnington for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds current money of Virginia, to him in hand paid by the said Reuben Wright: the receipt whereof he doth by these presence acknowledge hath granted bargained Sold and Confirmed and doth by these presents grant bargain sell and confirm, unto Reuben Wright, and his heirs forever a certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the said County of Mecklenburg, containing eighty six acres, be the same more or less and bounded as followeth (to wit) beginning in the line formerly Samuel Hutchersons now John Paynors and read oak Saplin thence along the line of John Davis to a corner Sycamore shrub thence along the said Davis's line to a corner pine in James Blantons line, thence along the said Blantons line Lamberts; thence along the said Lamberts line to Samuel Hutchersons line, thence along the said Hutchersons line to the beginning, together with each and every right claim previledge and appurtenance belonging to the said land to the proper use and behoof use and behoof of him the said Reuben Wright his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Reuben Dunnington for and behalf of himself and his heirs doth by these presents forever warrent and Defend the right title claim or claims of every other person or persons to him the said Reuben Wright for the aforementioned tract of land. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above written

R Dunnington

Signed Sealed & Delivered)
In the presence of)
R Apperson
H Ferrell
John Warren
Ben Evans

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 10 day of June 1805

This Deed poll was proved by the oaths of Richard Apperson and Hutchens Ferrell witnesses thereto - and At a Court held for the same County the 8 day of December 1806 the said Deed poll was further proved by the oath of John Warren another witness thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste
William Baskervill Cl. cur."

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with 1 white over 16, 6 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed

Reuben Wright on May 20, 1806, with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright on July 31, 1807, with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

No tax lists were taken in Virginia in 1808.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright on April 1, 1809, with 2 whites over 16, 4 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights on March 20, 1810, one listed as Reuben Wright, Jr., and the other with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1810 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights, one listed as Reuben Wright, Jr., and the other on March 26, 1811, with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Rubin Wrights, one listed as Rubin Wright, Jr., and the other listed as Rubin Wright on April 14, 1812, with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright, Sr., on April 3, 1813, with 2 whites over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights, one listed as Reuben Wright, Jr., and the other listed as Reuben Wright, Sr., on April 3, 1814, with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights, one listed as Reuben Wright, Jr., and the other listed as Reuben Wright, Sr., on April 1, 1815, with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, no blacks under 12, and 5 horses.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Rubin Wrights, one listed as Rubin Wright, Jr., and the other listed as Rubin Wright, Sr., on April 9, 1816, with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

On May 7, 1816, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 16/317, Reuben Wright purchased from Austin Wright, Jr., and his wife Mary Wright and Mary (Nicholson) Bilbo 57¾ acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

> "This Indenture made this 7th day of May 1816 Between Austin Wright junior & Mary his wife and Mary Bilbo (formerly Mary Nicholson) of the one part and Reuben Wright of the other part all of the county of Mecklenburg Witnesseth that the said Austin Wright Mary his wife and Mary Bilbo for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred & five dollars to them in hand paid by the said Reuben Wright at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have granted bargained and sold aliened and enfeoffed and do by these presents grant bargain sell alien enfeoff and confirm unto the said Reuben Wright his heirs & assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the said County of Mecklenburg containing fifty seven & three fourths acres be the same more or less and bounded by the lands of Benjamin Freeman the heires of John Nicholson John Johnson & Robert Nicholson To have and to Hold the said tract or parcel of Land with all things thereunto belonging or in any manner appurtaining to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Reuben Wright his heirs and assigns forever free from the claims and demands of all and every person or persons whatsoever In witness whereof the said Austin Wright junior and Mary his wife and Mary Bilbo (formerly Mary Nicholson) have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day & year first above written
>
> Austin Wright jr
> Mary Wright
> Mary Bilbo
>
> Mecklenburg County (to wit)
>
> We Samuel Goode and Presley Hinton Magistrats of the said County do hereby certify that Austin Wright jr and Mary his wife and Mary Biblo (formerly Mary Nicholson) parties to the within deed hath duly acknowledged the same before us this 7th day of May in the year Eighteen hundred & sixteen and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the clerk of the county court of Meckleburg in order that the said conveyance may be recorded as witness our hands & seals
>
> Sam Goode
> Presley Hinton

This Indenture and the certificate of the acknowledgement of Austin Wright jr Mary his wife and Mary Bilbo parties thereto was delivered in at the clerks office of Mecklenburg County the 16th day of September 1816 to be recorded

Teste Edward L Tabb Cl

Mecklenburg County (to wit)

We Samuel Goode and Presley Hinton Magistrats of the said county in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary Wright the wife of Austin Wright jr parties to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate to Reuben Wright bearing date the 7th day of may Eighteen hundred & sixteen personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and haveing the within deed fully explained to her she the said Mary Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared she had willingly signed sealed & delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands & seals this 7th day of May 1816

Saml Goode
Presley Hinton

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 21st day of October 1816

This Certificate of the privy examination and acknowledgement of Mary Wright wife of Austin Wright was returned into court & ordered to be recorded

Teste Edward L Tabb Cl cur"

As set forth below, this parcel of land was later sold by the estate of Reuben Wright, thereby identifying him as the purchaser.

On February 21, 1817, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 16/434, Reuben Wright and his wife Charlotte Wright sold to Joseph Bennett the 86 acres of land purchased by Mecklenburg County Deed 13/137:

"This Indenture made the twenty first day in the year of February 1817 Between Reuben Wright & Charlotte his wife of the County of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph Bennett of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that the said Reuben Wright and Charlotte his wife in consideration of the sum of one hundred and ten pounds of Lawful money of the Commonwealth to them in hand paid by the said Joseph Bennett at or before the ensealing or delivery of these presents (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) have bargained and sold and by these presents do and each of them doth bargain and sell unto the said Joseph Bennett his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of Land being and Lying in the County of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia containing Eighty six acres more

or less and bounded as follows (Viz) begining on Samuel Hutchersons line on a red oak sapling Thence along John Davises line to a corner Sycamore scrub Thence along said Davises line to a corner pine on James Blantons line Thence along the said Blantons line to Samuel Hutchersons line Thence along said Hutchersons line to the begining Together with all the singular, houses done(?) houses, Barnes, buildings stables yards gardens Orchards lands, tenements meadows pastures feedings commons woods underwoods ways waters watercourses fishings priviledges profits emoluments commodities advantages emoluments hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said Land belonging or appurtaining or with the same used or enjoyed or excepted reported taken or known as part or parcel or member thereof or as belonging to the same or any part thereof and the reversion and reversion and reversions remainder and remainders yearly & other rents issues and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of Land with the tenements hereditaments and all and singular other the premises herein before mentioned or intended to be bargained & sold and every part and parcel thereof with every of their rights members and appurtenances unto the said Joseph Bennett his heirs and assigns forever and for the only proper use and behoof of him the said Joseph Bennett his heirs and assigns forever and Reuben Wright and Charlotte his wife for themselves and their heirs the said tract or parcel of Land with all singular the premises & appurtenances before mentioned unto the said Joseph Bennett his heirs and assigns free from the claim or claims of them the said Reuben Wright & Charlotte his wife or either of them their or either of their heirs and of all land every person or persons whatsoever shall will and do warrant and forever defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Reuben Wright and Charlotte his wife have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year heretofore written

Reuben	his X mark	Wright
Charlotte	her X mark	Wright

Signed Sealed & delivered)
in the presence of)

Mecklenburg County to wit

We Edward Travis and Samuel Goode(?) Justices of the peace for the said County in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Charlotte the wife of Reuben Wright parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real Estate to Joseph Bennett bearing date on this 21st day of February 1817 and hereunto attached personally appeared before us in our said County and being examined by us privily and apart from her said husband and haveing the deed aforesaid fully

explained to her she the said Charlotte acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands and seals this 21st day of February 1817

Edwd Travis
Saml Goode(?)

Mecklenburg County to wit

We Edward Travis and Samuel Goode(?) magistrates of the said County do hereby certify that Charlotte the wife of Reuben Wright a party to the deed hereunto attached hath duly acknowledged the same before us on this 21st day of February 1817 and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the clerk of the County Court of Mecklenburg in order that the same conveyance may be recorded

Edwd Travis
Saml Goode(?)

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 21st day of April 1817

This Certificate of the privy examination and acknowledgement of Charlotte Wright (wife of Reuben Wright) was returned into Court and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste Edwd L. Tabb Cl"

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reubin Wrights, one listed as Reubin Wright, Jr., and the other listed as Reubin Wright, Sr., on April 15, 1817, with 1 white over 16, no free negroes or mulattoes, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reubin Wrights, one listed as Reubin Wright, Jr., and the other listed as Reubin Wright, Sr., on March 16, 1818, with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights, one listed as Reuben Wright and the other listed as Reuben Wright Estate on March 19, 1819, with no whites over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

These last two records indicate the death of Reuben Wright between March 16, 1818 and March 19, 1819, consistent with the probate of his will set forth below.

The will of Reuben Wright was dated on December 10, 1816, probated on May 17, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/40, and provided as follows:

> "In the name of God amen, I, Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, being of sound mind & memory, but calling to mind the mortality of man, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die and being desirous to dispose of the Worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me, do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as following: Imprimus, I give and bequeath to all the surviving children of my son Robert Wright decd one seventh part of all the property I leave in possession of my wife after her death to them and their heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my son John Wright two negro boys named Luke and Griffin, to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Polly Dunnington, the Judgment I obtained against Reuben Dunnington in Brunswick County, State of Virginia, and further I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Polly Dunnington twenty five pounds instead of a little negro girl to make it equal with what I intend giving William Wright, to them and their heirs forever, after my wife's death. Item, I give and bequeath to my son William Wright two negros named Perk & Silvy and her increase to him and his heirs forever. Item, I lend to my son Joshua Wright one negro boy named Anderson and one negro girl named Luckkey, with this condition, that if my son Joshua should depart this life before his wife Feaby, then for the said negroes to be returned and equally divided among the rest of my children, but if Feaby his wife should depart this life first, then I give my son Joshua Wright the two negros above mentioned to dispose of as he thinks fit. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Davis two negro boys named Robinson and Sam to her and her heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Reuben Wright two negro boys named Gideon and Armstead to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give to my dear and loving wife during her natural life or widowhood all my land and crops in hand and the crop depending and all the stock consisting of horses, Cattle, hogs and sheep and all the plantation tools of every description and all my household and kitchen furniture and also nine negros named Jack, Peter, Phil, Edmond, Spencer, John, Randolph, Milly and Sarah. I give my loving wife all this property as before described after paying all my just debts, during her natural life or widowhood. Item, after the death of my wife, it is my will and desire that all the property that she may die in possession of be sold, and after paying one seventh to the children of my son, Robert Wright decd for the balance to be equally divided amongst my six children above mentioned. Item, It is my will and desire that the portion which my son Joshua Wright shall receive at the death of my wife shall be put out in Interest by my Executor hereafter mentioned and he receive only the Interest of the same during the life of his wife, and at her death he shall be at liberty to receive the same principal and interest and make use of the same in any way he may think proper, but in case my son

Joshua Wright, should die before his wife, then for all the Negros with all the portion that he may receive at his wife's death to be returned to my family and be equally divided among my children above mentioned. Lastly I constitute my sons William Wright and Reuben Wright Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made, In testament whereof I have hereunto set my seal this 10" day of December 1816

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of
Jesse Dortch
Jane S. Langley

Reuben his + Mark Wright

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 17th day of May 1819:

The within written Last Will and testament of Reuben Wright dec'd was exhibited in Court and proved by the oaths of two witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded.

Whereupon on Motion by William Wright one of the Executors therein named who made oath thereto according to law, Certificate is granted him with Smith Palmer and Thomas Palmore entering into and acknowledging their bond in the penalty of fifteen hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs for that purpose.

Teste:
Edward L. Tabb, CMC"

This record identifies the family of Reuben Wright as follows:

Wife: Unnamed

Children:

1) Robert Wright, deceased,
2) John Wright,
3) Mary "Polly" (Wright) Dunnington,
4) William Wright,
5) Joshua Wright,
6) Nancy (Wright) Davis. and
7) Reuben Wright.

The absence of Thomas Wright from this list indicates that he had died before December 10, 1816, and without children.

An Inventory and Appraisement of the estate of Reuben Wright was dated on July 9, 1819, and filed at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/60, showing a value of

$4,346.92, including 8 slaves:

"Inventory and appraisement of the personal Estate of Reuben Wright deceased, by the Comm'r:

1 Negro man named Phil	$500.00	
1 " " " Edmond	600.00	
1 " " " Spencer	400.00	
1 " " " John	400.00	
1 " " " Peter	400.00	
1 " Woman & Child, Mark	600.00	
1 " Woman Sally	200.00	
1 " boy Richard	275.00	$3375.00
1 bay mare	50.00	
1 " horse	80.00	
1 " "	25.00	
1 " "	50.00	205.00
3 Cows & Calves	45.00	
2 Yoke Oxen	75.00	
7 Head of young Cattle	56.00	
27 Head of Sheep	33.75	
22 Head of Hogs & Shoats	85.00	294.75
3 feather beds & furniture	120.00	
2 Walnut Tables & Chairs	14.00	
1 Desk & Book Case	30.00	
1 Desk	10.00	
1 Cupboard & Wares	20.00	
12 Rush bottom Chairs	9.00	
1 Riding Chair	50.00	253.00
2 Cases & 4 Bottles	1.67	
1 Large Trunk	1.00	
1 Small ditto	1.00	
1 Gilt frame Picture	1.00	
1 Looking Glass	1.00	4.67
1 pair and Irons, Shovel & Tongs	4.00	
6 pieces of Leather	6.00	
Flax wheel	0.50	
1 pair Cart wheels & Cart	25.00	
1 pair ditto	4.00	
Cotton in Seed	3.75	
10 Bed Blankets	50.00	
10 ditto Quilts	20.00	
7 Sheets & Counterpanes	21.00	
1 Home spun Carpet	3.00	
2 Ditto	6.00	
3 Collars & Hames	1.25	
2 Old Hoes & 3 Barrels	2.00	

1 plantation tools	16.00	
1 Hand disc	1.00	
1 ___ Cut ___	2.50	
2 Scythes	1.00	
Steelyards	1.50	
Chest & Tools	10.00	
Smoke house Lumber	8.00	
Kitchen furniture	15.00	
Old Saddle	2.00	
Womans Saddle	1.00	
Dining Ware	10.00	$ 214.20
		$4346.92

Pursuant to an order to us directed by the County of Mecklenburg May Court have appraised the Slaves and personal Estate of Reuben Wright decd and have estimated the same to be worth the above stated sum of four thousand three hundred and forty six dollars & ninety two cents. Given under our hands and seals July 8th 1819

Wm P Davis
Chas Mabry
Amasa Palmer"

The 1820 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Charlotte Wright with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Charlotte Wright	1	26-45	1	45+	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
7			2	45+
			1	26-45
			2	14-26
			2	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
1	26-45					
1	14-26					

This record indicates that Charlotte (____) Wright was born before about 1775.

On October 2, 1821, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 19/276, Reuben Dennington and Polly his wife sold to William Wright and Smith Palmer the 1/7 interest of Polly in the estate of her father Reuben Wright:

> "Whereas Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly Dennington of Knox County in the State of Tennessee are entitled to one Seventh part of the estate real and personal of the late Reuben Wright deceased of Mecklenburg County in the State of Virginia the father of said Polly who died leaving his last will and testament which is duly proved and Recorded for execution in Said County of Mecklenburg Virginia and the said Reuben Dennington and his wife being desirous to Sell their Interest in Said estate now this indenture made this Second day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one between Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly Dennington of Knox County aforesaid of the one part and Smith Palmer and William Wright of the County of mecklenburg aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that for and in Consideration of five hundred and fifty dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly have and by these presents do bargain, Sell transfer and Set over alien enfeoff release and confirm unto the said Smith Palmer and William Wright and their heirs and assigns forever all the right title interest and property which they the said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly have of in and to all and every part and parcel of the estate of [dark and unreadable] the Said Reuben Wright deceased both real and personal [dark and unreadable] together with all the benefits priviledges hereditaments and [dark and unreadable] thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold to the said Smith Palmer and William Wright and their heirs and assigns forever the said part or portion of the Said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly of the estate of said Reuben Wright deceased against the lawful title claim or demand of all and every person or persons whomsoever will warrant and defend In testimony whereof the said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly have hereunto Subscribed there names and affixed there Seals the day and year first above written
>
> Reuben Dennington
> Polly Dennington
>
> witnesses
> Thos Massey
> Elijah Law
>
> State of Tennessee
> Knox County October Session 1821
>
> Then was the execution of this deed duly acknowledged in open Court by Reuben Dennington and the Court having appointed Robert Hariston and Joseph

Megnall two of their own body commissioners to take the private examination of Polly Dennington Reported to Court that they had taken the private Examination of said Polly seperate and apart from her husband and that she acknowledged that she had executed said deed freely voluntarily and without any compulsion or force which is ordered to be certified accordingly Given under my hand & Seal of office at office in Knoxville the 2nd day of October 1821

Charles Mclung(?) clerk)
By his dep Will Swan)

State of Tennessee

I Robert Hariston Cherman(?) protince(?) of the county of please and quarter Session for the County of Knox in the State aforesaid do Certify that Charles mClung is clerk of Said Court that William Swan is his deputy and that the foregoing Certificate of the clerk is in due form of Law Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1821

R Hairston

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 19th day of Novr 1821

The within written deed was this day presented and ordered to be Recorded

Teste Edward L Tabb CMC"

On September 5, 1822, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 20/448, William Wright, as executor of the will of Reuben Wright, sold to William Marshall the tract of 57¾ acres purchased by Reuben Wright by Mecklenburg County Deed 16/317:

"This Indenture made this 5th day of September one thousand eight hundred and Twenty two between William Wright Executor of Reuben Wright decd. of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia deceased of the one part and William Marshall of said County and State above named of the other part. Witnesseth that the said William Wright Executor as aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of four hundred Seventy Six dollars fifty six and three fourth cents to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Hath granted bargained Sole enfeoffed and Confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain Sell enfeoff and Confirm unto the said William Marshall his heirs and assigns forever one Certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the waters of Cotton Creek in the Said County of Mecklenburg Containing fifty Seven acres ¾ be the Same more or less and bounded by the lands of the said William Marshall and others - To have and to hold the Said tract or parcel of land with all appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining to the only proper use and behoof of him the said William Marshall his heirs and assigns forever, free from the claim or claims of any person or persons whatsoever. In Witness the Said

William Wright Exr. as aforesaid hath hereunto Set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first above Written.

William Wright
Exr. of Reuben Wright Senr. Decd

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of)
Austin Wright Jr. Joshua Wright
Clement Read)

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 15th day of March 1824.

The Within Written Indenture of bargain and Sale was acknowledged by William Wright Executor of Reuben Wright Senr decd. a party thereto and Ordered to be recorded"

On November 17, 1823, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/469, and inventory and appraisement of the estate of Charlotte Wright dated on September 6, 1822, was filed:

"Inventory & appraisement of Effects belonging to Estate of Charlotte Wright late of Mecklenburg County Virginia deceased

Sept 6th 1822	.30/	
5 Barrels Corn	.30/	.25
5 yds Cotton Cloth Coarse @	.20 cnts pr ys	
4 Cotton do sure fine @	1/6 " do	
17 fouis(?) and Wedu(?) @	2/	
9¼ Copperus(?) Stripe @	1/6	
12¾ mint cloth	4/6	
10 Figgerd Cloth @	6/	
1/dozn Knives and forks	12/	.50
Tub and piggin	2/3	.37½
1000 lb seed cotton 2 4 Cents		40.00
Chana tea pot	4/6	.75
3 tin pans	1/	.50
3 lb Cotton Spun	4/6	22.20
75 Bushells wheat	6/	75. "
1 Cow calf	12/	12. "
1 yearling	43/	8.1 "
bacon @	1/	
Soap @	1/9	
2 Ditto and Clades(?)	18/	3.00
lbs @	2/3	5.00
Fan Mill	30/	

203/ Clean wool bag and all	2/	
14 __ White Cloth double wove	3/9	62½
9¼ yds Striped cloth		
123¼ ditto mixed ditto		
17 ditto white ditto		
4 ditto ditto ditto		
5 ditto ditto ditto		
10 ditto Figured ditto		

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 17th day of November 1823

This Inventory and appraisement was returned to Court by Commissioner and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste
Edwd L Tabb CMG"

On May 17, 1824, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 10/16, William Wright, as executor of the will of Reuben Wright, filed an accounting of the sales from the estate made on September 5, 1822, and December 5, 1822, amounting to $5,994.51, including sales to Reuben Wright, William Wright, Joshua Wright, Rebecca Wright, and Austin Wright, Jr.

On May 17, 1824, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 10/21, William Wright, as administrator of the estate Charlotte Wright, filed an accounting of sales from the estate made on September 5, 1822, and December 5, 1822, amounting to $717.34, including sales to Joshua Wright, Rebecca Wright, Reuben Wright, William Wright, and Austin Wright, Jr.:

"An Acct. Sales of property belonging to the Estate of Charlotte Wright late of Mecklenburg County Virginia decd by the Administrator Commenced 5" Sept 1822

1 Scythe & Cradle		James Cooke	2.50
1 ditto		Same	.65
2 Water Pails		Negro Edmond Paid	.55
Lot Coffee		Benjamin Whitton	2.95
Tin pan & China Pot		Joshua Wright	1.70
1 Basket Spun Cotton	1st choice	James Cooke	2.70
1 ditto	2nd ditto	Same	1.25
1 ditto	3rd ditto	Rebecca Wright	1.25
1 ditto	4" ditto	Same	3.10
1 ditto	5" ditto	Same	2.30

1 ditto	6" ditto	Same			2.15
1 ditto Wool &c	7" ditto	Joshua Wright			2.80
1 Box & Cotton		James Cooke			2.00
1 Basket & Cotton		Same			1.15
1 Basket Yarn &c		Same			1.15
10 yds figa cotton cloth		John Davis	90¢		9.00
4 " Home spun do		William Hendrick	27		1.08
5 " do do		John Rudd	20¢		1.00
17 " do do		John Carrol	29¢		4.93
12¾ do mixed do		Thomas Palmer	75¢		9.56¾
9¼ " bed ticken		John Rudd	30¢		2.77½
Cow & Calf		Benjamin Whitton			10.15
1 Heifer White Facie		Joseph Taylor			5.50
					72.20¢
4 Bbls		Joseph Taylor			.50
4 ditto		Same			.75
3 ditto		Reuben Wright			.75
30 lb Soap		Benjamin Whitten	15¢		4.50
30 lb. ditto		Robert B Rainey	13"		3.90
19 lb ditto		William Bartlet	13½		2.56½
Tub Lime		William Wright			.50
4 furkins		Lewis Read			.95
50 Bason		Buckner Smith		21	10.50
50 lb ditto		Austin Wright Jr.		204	10.00
		forward over			$107.11¼
		amt brought forward			107.11¾
50" Basin		Lewis Read		22¢	11.00
Large Pot lard		Rebecca Wright			2.30
1 Gourd Oil		Reuben Wright			.90
2 Buckets Salt		John Walden		1.27¢	2.54
5 Bushels Wheat		Reuben Wright		1.30¢	6.50
5 "	"	Same		1.30¢	6.50
5 "	"	John Walden		1.30¢	6.75
5 "	"	R. Wright		1.35¢	6.75
5 "	"	Same		1.35¢	6.75
5 "	"	James Cooke		1.35¢	6.75
5 "	"	Same		1.35¢	6.75
5 "	"	Same		1.35¢	6.75
5 "	"	Same		1.35¢	6.75
5 "	"	Reuben Wright		1.40¢	7.00
5 "	"	Same		1.35¢	6.75
5 "	"	William Andrews		1.35¢	6.75
5 "	"	Reuben Wright		1.40¢	7.00
5 "	"	Same		1.40¢	7.00
1 Fan Mill		James Cooke			7.50
2 Bbls Corn		Same		$5.10	10.20

2 ditto	Same	5.15	10.30
1 ditto	Joshua Wright	5.15	5.15
100 " ___ Cotton	William Palmer	.3¼ cts	3.25
100 ditto ditto	Jane J Langley	.3½"	3.50
100" ditto	William Palmer	.3½	3.50
100" ditto	Same	.3½	3.50
100" ditto	Reuben Wright	.3¾	3.75
100" ditto	Same	.3¾	3.75
100" ditto	Same	.3¾	3.75
100" ditto	Same	.3¾	3.75
100" ditto	Same	.3¾	3.75
Ballance Cotton (100 oz)	Same	.3¾	3.75
2 Small Tumblers	Lewis Read		.26
43 oz Bason	John Owen Jr. paid	2.14	9.03
3 Bushels Wheat	Same paid	1.35¢	4.05
2½ ditto ditto	Reuben Wright	1.35¢	3.37½
99 Ba__Sold Same time Since at private to	John Johnson	.16⅔	16.50
			$321.22¼

Sale 17 errors missed 5" December 1823

Lot Sole leather	William Wright	2.00
Side Sole leather	Joshua Wright	2.00
Parcel upper ditto	Joseph Taylor	1.36
Hand axe & Steel Yard	William Wright	1.75
Parcels Tubs	Reuben Wright	.30
2 Bbls	William Wright	.30
1 axe & Hoe	Reuben Wright	1.40
	forwarded	$9.11
	Amt brought forward	$9.11
1 Barrel & Salt	Benjamin Mutton	.75
1 Bag Wheat	Same	3.75
Parcel Tobacco	William Wright	5.00
ditto Irish potatoes & Bbls	Same	1.00
½ Bushel Measure	Same	.30
Hhar & ___ 6½ Bushels	Reuben Wright	3.30
Parcel damaged Corn	Joseph Taylor	23.25
Wheat Straw	D. Amosa Palmer	6.05
Top Stack & Shucks	Same	8.50
1 Stack fodder	William Wright	5.05
1 ditto ditto	Same	4.80
1 ditto	Same	5.05
1 ditto	Same	5.00
1 ditto	Same	5.10
1 ditto	Same	4.85
1 ditto Oats	Do Amosa Palmer	6.00

1 ditto ditto	Same		5.10
1 ditto ditto	Same		5.30
1 ditto ditto	Same		5.50
1 ditto ditto	Andrew Ferguson		6.05
5 Blls Corn	Benjamin Whitten	$3.25	16.25
5 ditto ditto	Joshua Wright	3.65	18.25
5 ditto ditto	William Wright	3.65	18.25
5 ditto ditto	Smith Palmer	3.50	17.50
5 ditto ditto	William Wright	3.60	18.00
5 ditto ditto	Same	3.75	18.75
5 ditto ditto	Same	3.85	19.25
5 ditto ditto	Andr C Perkinson	3.75	18.75
5 ditto ditto	Smith Palmer	3.80	19.00
5 ditto ditto	Smith Palmer	3.85	19.25
5 ditto ditto	Andrew C Perkinson	3.90	19.50
12 " "	William Wright	3.90	46.80
Parcel Potatoes	William Wright		5.00
1 Spinning Wheel	Benjamin Whitten		2.80
1 Pot Rack	James Cocke		2.05
1 Pot & Hooks	Same		1.00
1 oven	Benjamin Whitten		.65
2 Tubs	Lewis Read		.45
1 Sifter & Tray	Benjamin Whitten		2.05
1 Piggin	Lewis Read		.25
1 Meal Barrel	Same		.13
100 n Sue Cotten	Benjamin Whitten	3¼	3.25
100 n ditto ditto	William Newman		3.00
306 " Remnant	William Palmer	2¼	6.88½
Table &c	Reuben Wright		.25
	forwarded		$396.12½
Amount of Sales 5" September 1822		$321.22¼	
ditto " 5" December 1822		396.12½	$717.26¼

The foregoing Sheets exhibits a Correct Copy of the Sales of the Est of Charlotte Wright of Mecklenburg County deceased amounting to Seven hundred and Seventeen dollars thirty four and three quarter cents - by the administrator

W. Wright

Mecklenbg County)
Virginia 17th May 1824)

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 17th May 1824

The amount of Sales of the Estate of Charlotte Wright decd was returned to Court by William Wright the administrator and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
Edw L Tabb Cl"

On March 21, 1825, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 10/288, William Wright, as executor of the will of Reuben Wright, filed an accounting of the estate and showing a balance due the estate of $6,791.65¾.

On March 21, 1825, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 10/289, William Wright, as administrator of the estate Charlotte Wright, filed an accounting of the estate and showing a balance due the estate of $1,074.96½:

"The Estate of Charlotte Wright decd
In a/c with the Administrator

					Dr
To	cash paid Dr Jiggetts p acct		No 1 & 2	40.08	
"	Int 1 Yr 6 ms & 21 ds			3.74	43.82
"	ditto paid John Carroll		3	39.12½	
"	Int 4 Yrs 11 ms. & 12 ds			11.62	50.74¼
"	ditto John F. Marshall		4	12.75	
"	Int 5 Yrs 21 days			3.87	16.62
"	ditto William Andrews		5	12.00	
"	Int 1 Yr 9 ms. & 9 ds			1.27	13.27
"	ditto Sheriff Mechlenburg		6	8.97	
"	Int 2 Yrs 5 ms & 6 ds			1.29	10.26
"	ditto Same		7	12.37	
"	Int 4 Yrs 6 ms. & 19 ds			3.36	15.73
"	ditto Thomas Palmer		8	22.70	
"	Int. 1 Yr 8 ms 10 ds			2.30	25.00
"	ditto Joshua Wright		9	9.85	
"	Int 2 Yrs 27 days			1.22½	11.07½
"	ditto Mitchell & White		10	6.13	
"	Int 2 Yrs 8 ms 25 ds			1.00	7.13
"	ditto Joseph Butter		11	2.25	
"	Int 2 Yrs 9 ms			.37	2.62
"	ditto David Moss		12	10.00	
"	Int 5 Yrs 2 ms 7 ds			3.11	13.11
"	ditto William Wright		13	19.00	
"	Int 2 Yrs 7 Ms & 21 ds			3.01	22.01
"	ditto Joshua Young		14	.62½	$231.39
"	Int 3 Yrs & 2 ms			.11¼	.73
"	ditto James L Wright		15	.52	
"	Int. 7 ms			.01½	.52
"	ditto Joshua Wright as Overseer		16	15.25	
"	Int. 2 Yrs 27 ds			1.89	17.14

"	ditto	Same as do	17	17.21	
"		Int 2 yrs 27 ds		2.21	19.42
"	ditto	expences of Tobo	18	13.15	
"		Int. 1 Yr 4 ms. & 21 ds		1.09	14.24
"	ditto	Fox Hunter for fish	19	4.00	
"		Int. 2 Yrs		.48	4.48
"	ditto	John Owen Jr	20	15.00	
"		Int 1 Yr 6 ms		1.35	16.35
			Amt forwarded		$304.27
			Amt brought forward		$304.27
To	Cash paid Richard Apperson		21	6.52	
"	Int 4 Yrs 5 ms 8 days			1.73	8.25
"	ditto Joshua Wright		22		20.50
"	ditto Clerks Tickets & rect		23		12.05
To	Commissioners on $1494.78¾ at 5 pCent				74.74
"	Balance				1074.96½
					$1494.78¾

Cr.

1822 Augt	By Cash on hand at time of death		34.25	
	" Int 2 Yrs 1 m & 21 ds		4.40	38.65
	" Amount of sales as p acct herewith		717.34¾	
	" Int 8 ms & 24 ds		1.55¾	748.90
	" Austin Wrights Bond		50.00	
	" Int 5 yrs		15.00	65.00
	" Smith Palmers bond		15.00	
	" Int 3 yrs		2.70	17.70
	" Balance of William Wrights Bond & Int to 21st March 1825			55.45
	" Cash received of Mrs. Meacham		6.50	
	" ditto of Wmson Pattello		1.06¼	
	" ditto of John Thomas		1.12½	
	" ditto of Benjn Whitten		5.36	
	" Int on $14.4¾ 1 Yr		.84	14.88¾
	Reuben Wrights bond		23.87	
	" Int 9 ms		1.07	24.94
	" Balanced received of 4 Hhds Tobo		129.35	
	" Int 1 Yr & 10 mons		14.20	143.55
	" 4 Hhds Tobo		235.21	
	" Int 1 Yr 9 ms 21 ds		25.52	260.73
	" 2 Hhds Tobo		83.72	
	" Int 1 Yr 2 ms		5.86	89.58
	" Cash so much loaned Admr		30.00	
	" Int 2 years		5.40	35.40
				$1494.78¾

By Balanced due $1074.96½

Agreeable to the annexed Order to us directed, We have examined the accounts of the admr of Charlotte Wright decd: and find the Vouchers and exhibits correct, and a balance of $1074.96½ due the Estate this 19th day of March 1825

David E. Jiggitto
John Davies
Wm David Sr.

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 21st day of March 1825.

This account Current of William Wright administrator of Charlotte Wright decd: was this day returned to Court by Commissioners appointed to settle the same. And at another Court held for the same County the 16th day of May in the year aforesaid. The same having been returned two months, and no exceptions taken thereto, the same is Confirmed, and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
Edw L Tabb Cl"

On May 19, 1834, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 13/304, a further accounting by William Wright of the estate of Charlotte Wright was filed:

"Dr. William Wright administrator in account with the estate of Charlotte Wright deceased

1822	December 29th	To hire of negro girl	$5.00
		Int 10 years and 25 days	3.02
1823	Decr 27th	To hire of same	4.00
		Int 9 years and 25 days	2.17
1824	Decr 27	To hire of same	4.75
		Int 8 years 25 days	2.29
	Decr 27	To hire of same 10	10.75
		Int 7 years & 25 years	.55
1826	Decr 27th	To hire of same	10.75
		Int 6 years & 25 years	3.91
1827	Decr 27	To hire of ditto	12.00
		Int 5 years & 25 days	3.65
1828	Decr 27	To hire of same	15.00
		Int 4 years & 25 days	3.66
1829	Decr 27	To hire of ditto	18.00
		Interest 3 years & 25 days	3.32
1830	Decr 27	To hire of same	20.00
		Interest 2 years & 25 days	2.48
	Decr 27	To hire of ditto	25.00

	Interest 1 year & 25 days	1.60
1832 Decr 27	To sale of said Girl Sukey on a credit of 12 months	354.25
	Int 25 days	1.47
		$511.62
	By 5 per cent Commission	25.58
		$486.04

In obedience to the annexed order the undersigned submit the above as the result of their investigation: that is to say the sum of four hundred and eighty six dollars and four cents in the hands of the administrator after deducting his Commission of twenty four dollars and fifty eight cents. Given under our hands this 22d January 1834

Nathl. Alexander
Wm Hendrick
Horace Palmer

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County at the Court house thereof the 17th day of March 1834. The foregoing Account Current of the estate of Charlotte Wright deceased was returned into Court by the Commissioners appaointed to settle the same. And at another Court held for said County on the 19th day of May in the year aforesaid the same having been returned two months and no exceptions thereto is confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jno. G Baptist CC"

On April 17, 1837, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2A/54, the court confirmed the sale that had been made on September 22, 1822, by William Wright, as executor of the will of Reuben Wright, Sr., to himself of 347 acres of land:

"On motion of William Wright Exer of Reuben Wright Senr. and the sale made by him of the real Estate of his testator on the 5th of Sept. 1822 is confmd & it is ordered by the court that Richard B Baptist as comr. hereby appo: for that purpose do by deed without warranty convey to the said William Wright the 347 acres of Land in the pet mentioned"

On September 19, 1839, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 28/359, and in accordance with the Ct.O.B. 2A/54 dated on April 16, 1837, Richard B. Baptist, as commissioner, conveyed to William Wright the 347 acres of land originally purchased by Reuben Wright on October 19, 1795, the deed to which was recorded on August 16, 1824:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine between Richard B. Baptist of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia of the first part and William Wright of the same County and State of the second part, Witnesseth that whereas, at a Court held for the County of Mecklenburg on the Sixteenth day of April 1837, it was decreed and ordered that the Sale made by sd. William Wright as Executor of the last will and testament of Reuben Wright decd: of the real Estate of which the Testator died Seized be confirmed - And the said William Wright being the purchaser at Said Sale of 347 acres of Land as will appear by the records of the Clerks Office of the County Court of Mecklenburg County the Court did further order that the said Richard B. Baptist be appointed a commissioner for the purpose of conveying to the said William Wright by deed with Special warranty the Land. Now in pursuance of the above recited order, and in consideration of the Sum of One dollar to me in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained & Sold and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said William Wright the said Tract or parcel of Land, lying and being in said County of Mecklenburg and containing as aforesaid three hundred and forty Seven acres be the Same more or less, and adjoining the Lands of Horace Palmer & other, the metes and bounds of which may be Seen by reference to a deed from John Hopkins to the said Reuben Wright bearing date 19" day of October 1795. and recorded in the Clerks Office of the County Court of Mecklenburg on the 16th August 1824. To have and to hold the said Tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, and all the estate right title & Interest of the said Baptist therein, unto the said William Wright his heirs and assigns, to his and their only proper use and behoof forever. And the said Baptist for himself his heirs executors & administrators hereby covenant to and with the said William Wright his heirs and assigns that he will forever warrant and defend the said Tract of Land hereby conveyed, and the appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said William Wright his heirs and assigns, against the claim of the said Baptist Commissioner as aforesaid and all persons claiming the same, or any part thereof by, from, through, or under him, the said Baptist but against the claim of no other person whomsoever In Witness whereof I hereto set my hand & affix my seal this day & date above written.

Richard B. Baptist

Mecklenburg County Court Clerks Office 20" September 1839.

The foregoing Indenture of Bargain and Sale, was this day received in the Clerks Office aforesaid and acknowledged by the said Richard B. Baptist to be his act and deed, and pursuant to an act of assembly in such cases made & provided, is admitted to record.

Teste J. J. Daly C.C"

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the

children of Reuben Wright and Charlotte (____) Wright were the following:

1) Robert Wright, born after about 1773 and before about 1774,

2) John Wright, born before about 1782,

3) Mary "Polly" (Wright) Dunnington, born between about 1780 and 1790 in Virginia,

4) William Wright, between about 1770 and 1775,

5) Thomas Wright, born in about 1779,

6) Joshua Wright, born before about 1775 or in about 1785 in Virginia,

7) Nancy (Wright) Davis, and

8) Reuben Wright, born after July 31, 1791, and before April 1, 1793.

1. <u>1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County, His Wife Nancy (Wright) Wright, And His Descendants</u>

1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County was a son of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and Charlotte (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1819 Reuben[2])

This couple has been discussed in Section XXV.A.1 above and the reader is referred to that section for information about them.

2. <u>1820 John Wright Of Mecklenburg County, His Wife Rebecca (Oslin) (Wright) Power Or Powers, And His Descendants</u>

1820 John Wright of Mecklenburg County was a son of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and Charlotte (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1819 Reuben[2])

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one John Wright with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse, who is as yet unidentified but may have been 1820 John Wright.

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed three John Wrights, one of whom was listed in the household of Austin Wright as his son, a second of whom was listed with 1 white male over 16 and 1 black named Chaney over 16, and the third of whom was listed as John Wright, son of Reuben, with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse. This record indicates that 1820 John Wright was born before about 1782.

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed three John Wrights, one of whom was listed as John Wright (Georgia) with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse, the second of whom was listed as John Wright with 1 white male over 16 and 1 black between 12 and 16, including slave Fanny age 12, and the third of whom was listed as John Wright with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse. The third John Wright record is consistent with the 1798 Tax List and was probably for 1820 John Wright.

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights, the first of whom was listed as John Wright (Fox) with 1 white male over 16 and 1 black over 16, including slave Eady 16, who has been identified in Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820, by Lucius F. Wright, as 1832 John Wright of Clarke County, Georgia, and the second of whom was listed with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse, consistent with the 1798 and 1799 Tax Lists for 1820 John Wright.

The 1800 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights, the first of whom was listed as John Wright (Fox) with 1 white male over 16 and 1 black over 16, who was 1832 John Wright of Clarke County, Georgia, and the second of whom was listed with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, and 1 horse.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed three John Wrights, the first of whom was listed as John Wright (Fox) with 1 white male over 16,1 black over 16, and 1 horse, who was 1832 John Wright of Clarke County, Georgia, the second of whom was listed as John Wright, son of Austin Wright, and the third of whom was listed as John Wright with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of John Wright and Rebecca Oslin on June 19, 1802, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all Men by these presents that we John Wright and Isaac Oslin are held and firmly bound unto James Monroe Esqr Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to the which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor & his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of our heirs, Exrs and Admrs Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and

dated this 19th day of June 1802 In the 26 year of the Commonwealth

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful Cause to Obstruct a marriage Intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound John Wright and Rebecca Oslin then the above obligation to be void else to remain of force & Virtue.

John Wright
Isaac Oslin

Sealed and Acknowledged)
In presence of)
John Dortch"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, compiled by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of John Wright and Rebecca Oslin on June 19, 1802, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, John & Rebecca Oslin 19 Jun 1802; b - Isaac Oslin"

The Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, From 1765 to 1810, by Stratton Nottingham, also listed the marriage of John Wright and Rebecca Oslin on June 19, 1802, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, John & Rebecca Oslin, 19 June 1802, Isaac Oslin sec."

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright (son of Reuben) with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright (son of Reuben) with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, 1 horse, and an Ordinary License.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright (son of Reuben) with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright (son of Reuben) on April 3, 1806, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one John Wright, who was listed as John Fox Wright, and did not list John Wright (son

of Reuben).

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

On February 29, 1808, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 13/456, John Wright purchased from Jacob and Elizabeth Ladd 100 acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

"This Indenture made this Twenty ninth day of February one thousand eight hundred and eight between Jacob Ladd of the County of Mecklenburg of the one part and John Wright of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Jacob Ladd for the Consideration of one hundred and fifty three pounds two Shillings lawful money of Virginia in hand paid by said John Wright do grant, bargain and Sell unto said Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg Containing one hundred acres of land, be the same more or less and bounded as follows (to wit) Beginning on Thomas Smiths corner red oak in John Halls line, thence along said Halls line to Joseph A Arnold line, thence along said Arnolds line to Jarrard Ladds line thence along said Ladds line to John P. Smiths corner black Jack, thence along Thomas Smiths line to the beginning together with all and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders yearly and other rents issues and profits thereof and every part and parcel, To have and to hold the said land with the appurtenances, hereditaments and all Appurtenances unto the said Wright his heirs and assigns forever free from the claim or claims of him the said Jacob Ladd his heirs of all and every person or persons whatsoever Shall and will warrent and forever defend the same by these presents. In Whereof the said Jacob Ladd hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal the day and date above written

Jacob Ladd

Signed, Sealed and delivered)
In presence of)
Jones Gee
William Drumright
Jane Drumright
Goodwin Taylor

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Lewis Parham, Jones Gee and Roger Gregory Gent Greeting whereas Jacob Ladd by his certain Indenture of bargain and Sale bearing date the 29 day of February 1808 hath sold and conveyed unto John Wright the fee simple estate of and in one hundred acres of land, lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg and whereas Elizabeth wife of the said Jacob cannot conveniently travel to the Court of the said County to relinquish her right of Dower in the said land therefore power is given unto you or any two or more of you to receive the relinquishment which the said Elizabeth Shall be willing to make before your of her right of Dower in the estate conveyd by the said Indenture which is hereunto annexed and you are therefore commanded that

you do personally go to the said Elizabeth and receive her relinquishment of the same and examine her previly and apart from the said Jacob her husband and whether She doth the same freely and voluntarily without the persuasions or threats and whether she be willing that the same shall be recorded in the County Court aforesaid and when you have received her relinquishment and examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly and openly certify the said Court thereof under your Seals sending then there the said Indenture and this writ

Witness William Baskerville Clerk of our said Court the 18 day of March 1808 in the 32nd year of the Commonwealth

W Baskerville

Mecklenburg County (to wit)

Agreeable to the above Commission to us directed we have examined the above named Elizabeth wife of Jacob Ladd Separate and apart from her said husband, which She the Said Elizabeth freely and willingly relinquished her right of dower in the one hundred acres of land mentioned in the Deed hereunto annexed without the pursuasion or threats of her husband, or any other person and is also willing that her relinquishment Should be recorded in the County Court of Mecklenburg. Given under our hands and Seals this 19th March 1808

Lewis Parham
Jones Gee

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 11 day of April 1808

This Indenture was proved by the oaths of Jones Gee, William Drumright and Goodwin Taylor witnesses thereto and together with the Commission annexed and the Certificate of the execution thereof being returned into Court and ordered to be recorded

Teste
William Baskerville Cl: Cur:"

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights, one of whom was listed as John Wright Fox, and the other of whom was listed as John Wright on March 17, 1809, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights, one of whom was listed as John Wright immediately after Austin Wright with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, and no horses, and the other of whom was

listed as John Wright on March 23, 1810, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1810 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John Wright (son of Reuben) on April 3, 1811, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one John Wright on April 19, 1812, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one John Wright on March 19, 1813, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one John Wright on March 23, 1814, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

On May 13, 1814, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 16/2, John Wright purchased from John P. and Polley Smith 14 acres of land adjacent to his existing land:

> "This Indenture made this thirteenth day of May in the year of our lord One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, between John P Smith and Polley his wife of Mecklenburg of the one part and John Wright of the said County of the other part, Witnesseth that the said John P Smith and Polley his wife for the Consideration of the sum of fifteen pounds lawfull money of Virginia, to them in hand paid by the said John Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) have bargained and sold and by these presents do and each of them doth bargain and sell to the said John Wright his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg Containing fourteen Acres be the same more or less, and bounded as follows begining at a corner white oak in William Drumrights line thence along the Drumrights line to Foxes road to a corner Persimon tree on said road in Joseph Arnolds line thence a new line Still on said Arnolds line to a corner pine in an Old field thence to a corner Hickory in John P Smiths line, thence a new chopt line still on said Smiths line to a corner blackjack thence a cross Foxes Road to a Turkey Oak on John Wrights line the along the said Wrights line to the begining, Together with all and the remainder and remainders, revertion and revertions yearly and other rents issues & profits thereof, and every part and parcel thereof To have and to hold the said fourteen Acres of land, be the same more or less, with the tenements hereditaments and all and singular the premises herein mentioned all intended to be bargained and

sold and every part and parcel thereof, with every of their rights and appurtenances unto the said John Wright to him and his heirs and assigns forever, And the said John P Smith, and Polley his wife for themselves and their heirs the said land with all and Singular the premises, and the appertenances before mentioned unto the said John Wright his heirs and assigns free from the Claim or Claims of them the said John P Smith and Polley his wife or either of them or either of their heirs and of all and every person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said John P Smith and Polley his wife have hereunto set our hands & affixed our Seals the day and date above Written.

John P Smith
Polley Smith

Signed Sealed and delivered)
in presence of us)
his
Jones Gee, John Hall, Thomas X Taylor
mark

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 19th day of September 1814

This Indenture was proved by the Oath of Jones Gee as Witness thereto, and was acknowledged by Polly Smith wife of the within named John P Smith, she having been privily examined as the law directs Ordered that the same be recorded as to her. At another Court held for the said County the 21st day of Augt. 1815 The same was further proved by the Oaths of John Hall and Thomas Taylor Witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of the said John P Smith and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste Edward L Tabb Cl Cur"

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one John Wright on March 4, 1815, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, no blacks between 9 and 12, 3 horses, and 11 head of cattle.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Jonathan Wright on March 6, 1816, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The will of Reuben Wright dated on December 10, 1816, and probated on May 17, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/40, listed John Wright as one of his children:

". . . . I, Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, ... do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as following: . . . . Item, I give and bequeath to my son John Wright two negro boys named Luke and Griffin, to him and his heirs forever. . . . . In testament whereof I have hereunto set my seal this 10" day of December 1816

Signed Sealed and acknowl-		his	
edged in presence of	Reuben	+	Wright
Jesse Dortch		Mark	
Jane S. Langley			
. . . ."			

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one John Wright on March 21, 1817, with 1 white male over 16, no free negroes, 3 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights, one of whom was listed immediately after Austin Wright, Sr., with 1 white male over 16, no slaves, and no horses, and the other of whom was listed on March 11, 1818, with 1 white male over 16, 2 slaves over 16, 1 slave between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights, one of whom was listed in the Joseph B. Clausel List from with 1 white male over 16, no slaves, and no horses, and the other of whom was listed in the Lewis Parham List on March 20, 1819, with 1 white male over 16, 2 slaves over 16, 1 slave between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

On November 27, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 18/272, John Wright purchased from William and Sally Drumright 125 acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

"This Indenture made this 27th day of November 1819 between Wm. Drumright Sr and his wife Sally Drumright of the one part & John Wright of the other part all of the County of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia: Witnesseth that the sd Wm Drumright Sr & Sally his wife hath bargained & sold unto the said Jno. Wright one certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred & twenty five acres be the same more or less lying & being in the County of Mecklenburg for which the said Jno. Wright has in hand paid unto the sd Wm Drumright Sr & his wife Sally the just & full sum of one hundred and nine pounds current money of Virginia the receipt whereof the said Drumright doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained & sold and do firmly by these presents do grant bargain & sell alien

enfeoff and confirm unto the said Wright to him and his heirs or assigns forever the tract or parcel of land above mentioned and bounded as followeth (Viz: begining) on a corner poplar in a branch thence up the said branch on the line of the Estate of Jesse Oslin decd. to a corner persimmon tree in said Oslin's line the to a red oak on fixes road in Williamson Westmorelands line thence along the said line to a corner Maple in Thomas Taylor's line thence along said line to a corner post oak on the Haw branch, thence down the said branch to Wm Drumrights spring branch, thence down the said branch to a corner ash on said branch thence a straight line to the begining. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land together with all houses and other profits belonging to said tract or parcel of land to him the sd Wright to him and his heirs or assigns forever from them the said William Drumright Sr & Sally his wife will warrant & defend from them their heirs and from every person or persons whatsoever will warrant forever defend. In Witness our hands & seals the day & date above above written.

Wm Drumright Senr.
her
Sally X Drumright
mark

Test
Jones Gee, his)
Thomas X Taylor)
mark)
Guilford D. House)

Mecklenburg County (towit:

We Jones Gee & Ralph Hubbard magistrates of said County do hereby certify that Wm. Drumright Sr a party to the within conveyance hath duly acknowledged the same before us on the 6th day of December in the year 1819 and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Mecklenburg in order the same may be recorded as Witness our hands & Seals

Jones Gee
Ralph Hubbard

Mecklenburg County (towit:

We Jones Gee & Ralph Hubbard Justices of the peace in the said County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Sally Drumright the Wife of Wm. Drumright Senl. party to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate to John Wright bearing date on the 27th day of November 1819 which deed within the said Sally personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined before us privey & apart from her said husband and having the

deed fully explained to her she the said Sally acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed & delivered the same and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and Seals this 6th day of December 1819.

Jones Gee
Ralph Hubbard

Mecklenburg County Clerks Office the 15th day of May 1820.

This Indenture was this day received in the clerks office aforesaid and pursuant to an act of Assembly in that case made and provided is admitted to record.

Teste, Edward L. Tabb cur"

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one John Wright on February 8, 1820, with 2 white males over 16, 2 slaves over 16, 1 slave between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

The will of John Wright was dated on June 15, 1820, probated on August 21, 1820, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/136, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen, I John Wright of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia Being Weak of body but having my perfect mind and memory, Calling to mind the uncertainty of death, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows, Recommending my Sole to Almighty God who gave it, my body to be buried in a Christianlike manner at the discression of my Executors hereafter Mentioned,

Item, I will that all my Just debts which are but few be punctually paid,

Item, I lend unto my beloved wife Rebeckah the whole of my Estate both Real and personal during her natural Life or Widowhood which ever Circumstance transpires first, then the whole of my Estate both Real and personal to be Equally divided between my four Children namely Reubin M Wright, Frances L Wright, John A Wright, and William R Wright, Nevertheless should my wife die or in any situation to see Either or all of my Children arrive to the age of Twenty one, then she is to give them all property as she can Spare to be appraised at the time they take it into possession, so that an equal division may take place between my children, willing at the same that that the Children above named remain with my wife until they arrive to age above mentioned, And the three Last named children to have the same Education as the first out of the money which I have at this time in my possession applied to the purchasing of a Boy to be in like manner with the Ballance of my Estate, where I have lent my wife the whole of my Estate. I now will unto my son Reuben M. a sorrel filly to him and his heirs forever. I will that each of my children as valuable a beast at the time they arrive

to lawful age, each of them be raised on my Estate.

I appoint my wife Rebeckah Wright Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, in Testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and Seal this fifteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty.

Signed in the presence of John Wright
Drury Pennington
Wm. S. Drumwright, Senr
George his X mark Tucker

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 21st day of August 1820

This last Will and Testament of John Wright, deceased was exhibited in Court and proved by the Oaths of Drury Remington and William Drumwright Senr two of the Witnesses thereto Subscribed and Ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Rebeckah Wright, the Executrix therein named who made Oath thereto and together with Drury Pennington, Joseph Arnold and William L. Oslin her Securities entered into and acknowledge their bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form

Teste
Edward I. Tabb CMC"

This record identifies the family of 1820 John Wright as follows:

Wife: Rebeckah Wright

Children:

1) Reubin M Wright,
2) Frances L Wright,
3) John A Wright, and
4) William R Wright.

However, as set forth below, either the scrivener or the clerk mistranscribed the second child as Frances, but the name should have been listed as Thomas.

On August 21, 1820, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Fiduciary Book, Image 88, No. 102, Rebecca Wright filed her bond of $5,000 to act as executor of the will of John Wright with Drury Pennington, Joseph A. Arnold, and William P. Oslin as securities.

The 1820 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Rebeccah Wright with

the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Rebeccah Wright	2	16-26	1	45+	
	1	16-18	1	26-45	
	3	10-16			

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
5			1	14-26
			3	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
1	14-26					
3	0-14					

The younger female in this household was probably Rebecca (Oslin) Wright and this record indicates that she was born between about 1775 and 1794.

On November 29, 1820, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/165, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of John Wright was filed showing a value of $3,007.25, including 6 slaves:

"An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of John Wright dec'd made this 29th day of November 1820

Inventory

A Negro man named Griffin	$500.00
A Negro Woman named Patty and her child Peter	420.00
" Boy Do Luke	300.00
" Girl do Matilda	180.00
" Boy do Sam	120.00
" Girl do Charlotte	90.00
Beds and furniture $100	100.00
Two do do $80	80.00
A parcel of Bed Clothes $50.00	50.00
12 Setting Chairs $10, one Side Table $8	18.00
A parcel earthen Ware &c &c $10	10.00
1 Hand saw and parcel Books $4	4.00
1 Hogshead and parcel wheat $4, one Chest and Gun $3	7.00

1 parcel Cotton $12 one Side Saddle and Man's do $11	23.00
1 parcel Leather $4 parcel feathers $2.50	6.50
6 Lamb Skins $2 Loom and Harness $8	10.00
1 parcel Wool Latt $2 one Chest and Trunk $5	7.00
1 parcel plantation tools $6.50 Rasars Box &c $1.50	8.00
2 Spinning Wheels 3 pr Cards $5 parcel Water Defects $1.50	6.50
2 Ovens 1 pot, 1 Skillet, & pot Hooks &c &c	2.50
parcel pewter $2 Knives and forks $1.25	3.25
1 Grindstone half to the Estate $1.50	1.50
2 Jack Dagons 2 Coalters, 6 plow Haim $4	4.00
a parcel Barrels &c $3 Two Bee Hives $3	6.00
1 Raw Hide $2 15 Hogs $60	62.00
16 Sheep $24 4 Sows and 25 pigs $25	49.00
1 Sorrel Mare $60 one mare and Colt $100	160.00
1 Yoke Oxen, Cart and wheels $65	65.00
3 Small Steers $20 3 Cows and Calves $36	56.00
2 Cows $20 parcel Tobacco $50	70.00
parcel Corn $60 1 top Stack and Shucks $5	65.00
parcel Blade fodder $2 $300 in Cash	302.00
One still one half to the Estate $10	10.00
	$3007.25

Agreeable to the annexed Order we have proceeded to appraise the Estate of John Wright decd being first Sworn have appraised it to $3007 and 25 cents. Given under our hands this 29th day of November 1820

Jno Northington
Wm Drumwright Senr
Joseph Arnold"

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Rebecca Wright on February 27, 1821, with 3 slaves over 12 and 3 horses.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Rebecca Wright on February 15, 1822, with 2 slaves over 12 and 3 horses.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Rebecca Wright on February 27, 1823, with 2 slaves over 12 and 3 horses.

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Rebecca Wright on April 1, 1824, with 3 slaves over 12 and 2 horses.

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Rebecca Wright on February 10, 1825, with 3 slaves over 12 and 5(?) horses.

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed

one Rebecca Wright on March 17, 1826, with 4 slaves over 12 and 4 horses.

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Rebecca Wright on February 23, 1827, with 5 slaves over 12 and 4 horses.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Rebecca Wright and her second husband Thomas Power on March 19, 1827, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all men by these Presents that we Thomas Powers and Christopher Haskins Jr are held and firmly bound unto John Tyler esqr governor or Chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Just and full sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to which Payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs &c Jointly and Severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 19th day of March 1827
>
> The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas a marriage is Shortly intended to be Solemnized between the above bound Thomas Powers & Rebecca B Wright now if there shall be no legal impediment to the said marriage then the above Obligation to be Void else to remain in full force & Virtue
>
> Thomas Power
> Chr. Haskins Jr"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., listed the marriage of Rebecca Wright and her second husband Thomas Power or Powers on March 19, 1827, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Wright, Rebecca & Thomas Powers 19 Mar 1827; b - Christopher Haskins Jr"

The marriage of Rebecca (Oslin) Wright to Thomas Power or Powers terminated her life estate in the land of her first husband John Wright, thereby allowing the sale of that land and division of the proceeds among his children.

On or before November 21, 1827, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 1852-178, in the case of Wright vs. Power, Thomas L. Wright filed his bill to sell the land of John Wright and divide the proceeds among his children Thomas L. Wright, Reuben M. Wright, John A. Wright, and William R. Wright:

> "To the worshipful the county court of Mecklenburg in chancery siting your Oretor Thos L Wright Respectfully sheweth to your worships that some time in the year ____ a certain John Wright departed this life after having first made and published his last Will and testement which has been duly prooved and admitted to record in this honourable court a copy whereof is hereto annexed and prayd to

be made a part of this bill by which he loaned to his wife Rebeckah all his estate both real & personall dureing her Natural life or Widowhood which ever circumstance transpired first and then the whole of his estate to be equally divided between his four children namely Reubin M Wright Thos L Wright John A Wright & Wm R Wright your oretor further sheweth to your Worships that the said Rebeckah Widdow of the said John Wright hath since entermarried with a certain Thos Power who together with the said Rebeckah Power formerly Rebeckah Wright Reuben M Wright John A Wright and Wm R Wright are prayd to be made defendants to this bill and that they be compelled to answer the allegations therein contained your Oritor further shews to your Worships that the said Rebeckah having intermarried with the said Thos Power that he together with the said Reuben M. John A & Wm R. are entitled to the real estate left by the said John Wright Decd as well as all his personal Estate that the said Rebeckah took probate of the said Will and in the character of Exor has paid all the debts of the said Estate and that the shares of the said legatees is not equal to $300 per share in the said lands your Oretor therefore prays that your Worships would appoint fit and proper persons as commissioners to sell the said lands and to divid the proceeds equally between your oretor and the said Reubin M John A and Wm R and that they Settle the account current of the said Rebeckah Exrs of the Estate and divid the personal estate also equally between them &c"

This record identifies the family of 1820 John Wright as follows:

Wife: Rebeckah (____) (Wright) Power

Children:

1) Thomas L. Wright,
2) Reuben M. Wright,
3) John A. Wright, and
4) William R. Wright.

On or before November 21, 1827, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 1852-178, in the case of Wright vs. Power, the defendants filed their answer to the complaint:

"The Joint answers of Thos Power Rebecckah his Wife Reubin M Wright John A Wright and Wm R Wright to a bill exhibited against them in this worshipfull court by Thomas L Wright These defendants for answer to the said bill say that they admitt the truth of the alegations contained in the bill and have no reasonable objection to the prayer of the bill being granted and having answered pray to be hence dismissed with their costs &c"

On November 21, 1827, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 26/278, in the case of Wright v. Power, the court appointed commissioners to sell the land of John

Wright and divide of the proceeds among his children:

"Thomas L. Wright pltff)
against)
Thomas Power & ux Reuben M) In Chancery
Wright, John A Wright and)
William R. Wright defts)

This day this cause came on to be heard upon the bill and answer and exhibits and on the argument of counsel it is decreed and ordered that Drury Pennington, Joseph A. Arnold, James M. Harwell, Robertson Ezell, and George Tucker, be appointed commissioners any three of whom may act and that they after ascertaining the number of acres of land belonging to the Estate of John Wright decd: do proceed to advertize the said lands for sale and after due notice do proceed to sell the said lands to the highest bidder on a credit of one and two years the purchaser to give bond with good security to the commissioners for the payment of the purchase money and that they make a deed to the purchaser and that they proceed to settle the account current of Rebecca Power formerly Rebecca Wright exec: of John Wright that they divide the all the estate of the Said John Wright equally amongst his children Thomas L. Wright, Reuben M. Wright, John A Wright, and William R. Wright and report to this Court"

On December 7, 1827, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 23/85, James M. Harwell, James Arnold, George Tucker, and Drury Pennington, as commissioners appointed by the county court, sold 128 acres of the land of John Wright, deceased, to Jonathan B. Northington:

"This Indenture made & entered into this 7th day of Dec. 1827 between James M. Harwell, Jas Arnold George Tucker and Drury Pennington Commissioners appointed by the county court of Mecklenburg to sell the land of John Wright decd of the first part and Jonathan B Northington of the second part all of the County of Mecklenburg, Witnesseth that the said James M. Harwell, Jas Arnold, George Tucker and Drury Pennington Commissioners as aforesaid have this day bargained sold and by these presents do bargain sell and confirm unto the said Jonathan B. Northington one piece or parcel of land in the County of Mecklenburg Containing One hundred and twenty eight acres be the same more or less bounded by the lines of Wm(?) Drumright Sr George Tucker & whitman Hathcork for and in consideration of the sum of Five hundred and five dollars & 60/100 To have and to hold the said land with priveledges and appurtenances thereunto or in any wise appurtaining to the said Jonathan B. Northington his heirs or assigns and the said James M. Harwell, Jas Arnold, George Tucker and Drury Pennington Commissioners as aforesaid do make over all the wright title interest and claim vested in us as commissioners as above stated to the land as mentioned in the above deed, as witness our hands and seals the day and date above written

James M Harwell
Joseph A Arnold
Drury Pennington
his
Geo X Tucker
mark

Mecklenburg County (to wit)

We Ralph Hubbard & Saml. Simmons do hereby certify that Drury Pennington Jas. M. Harwell, and Joseph A Arnold, Commissioners appointed by the county court of Mecklenburg to sell the lands of John Wright decd. personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid on the 29 Inst Dec:) and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and desired us to certify the Same to the Clerk of our said County in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands and Seals this 29th day of December 1827

Ralph Hubbard
Saml. Simmons J.P.

Mecklenburg County Clerks Office 22d day of January 1828

The foregoing Indenture of Bargain and Sale together with the certificate of acknowledgement thereon endorsed was this day received in the clerks office aforesaid in vacation and pursuant to an act of assembly in such cases made and provided is admitted to record.

Jno. G. Baptist D.C."

On May 9, 1828, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 23/211, J. M. Harwell, Joseph A. Arnold, Drury Pennington and George Tucker, as commissioners appointed by the county court, sold to Anne Oslin 125 acres of land of the estate of John Wright, deceased:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 7th day of December 1827 between J M Harwell Joseph A. Arnold, Drury Pennington and George Tucker commissioners appointed by a decree of the County Court of Mecklenburg to sell the land of John Wright decd of the first part and Anne Oslin of the second part, all of the said County Witnesseth that the said J M Harwell Joseph Arnold, Drury Pennington and George Tucker Coms as aforesaid have this day bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said Anne Oslin one tract or parcel of land in the said county Containing one hundred and twenty five acres be the same more or less and bounded by the lands of said Allen Wm.son Westmoreland and others for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and sixty eight dollars & 75/100 To have and to hold the said lands with all the priviledges appurtaining to the same unto the said Anne Oslin her heirs and

assigns and the aforesaid commissioners as do make over all the right title interest and claim vested in us as commissioners as above stated on the land above mentioned in the above deed, Witness our hands and seals this day and date above

Jas: M Harwell
Drury Pennington
Joseph A Arnold
George X Tucker

Mecklenburg County (towit)

We Samuel Simmons and Drury Pennington do hereby certify that Drury Pennington and George Tucker commissioners to the within deed bareing date 7th day of Dec: 1827 1827 for real estate personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid on the 17th day of May 1828 and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the clerk of our said county court in order that the same may be recorded.

Given under our hands the day and date above written.

Ralph Hubbard J.P.
Samuel Simmons J.P.
as to D. Pennington & Geo: Tucker

Mecklenburg County Clerks office 19th day of May 1828.

The foregoing Indenture of Bargain and Sale together with its certificate of acknowledgement thereon endorsed was this day received in the clerks office aforesaid in vacation and pursuant to an act of assembly in such cases made and provided is admitted to record.

Jno. G. Baptist D.C."

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Power, suggesting he may have moved from Mecklenburg County.

The 1830 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed one Thomas Power, age 50 to 60, with one female, aged 40 to 50, indicating a date of birth between about 1780 and 1790, but further research will be required to confirm that this was the Thomas Power who married Rebecca (Oslin) (Wright) Power.

3. Mary "Polly" (Wright) Dunnington, Her Husband Reuben M. Dunnington, And Her Descendants

Mary "Polly" (Wright) Dunnington was a daughter of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and Charlotte (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1819 Reuben[2])

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Polly Wright, daughter of Reuben Wright, and Reuben Dunnington on July 9, 1798, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Mr Baskerville

Sir you may grant Lisence to Mr Reubin Dunnington to marry polley Right my Daughter and This Shall be your Justification Given under my hand this 9th day of July of 98

Reubin Wright

Witness William Wright"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Polly Wright, daughter of Reuben Wright, and Reuben Dunnington on July 11, 1798, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, Polly & Reuben Dunnington 11 Jul 1798; b - William Wright con - Reuben Wright, father"

On March 8, 1805, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 13/137, Reuben Dunnington sold to Reuben Wright 86 acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

"This Indenture made this 8 day of March one thousand eight hundred and five between Reuben Dunnington of the one part and Reuben Wright of the other part both of the County of Mecklenburg Virginia Witnesseth, that the said Reuben Dunnington for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds current money of Virginia, to him in hand paid by the said Reuben Wright: the receipt whereof he doth by these presence acknowledge hath granted bargained Sold and Confirmed and doth by these presents grant bargain sell and confirm, unto Reuben Wright, and his heirs forever a certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the said County of Mecklenburg, containing eighty six acres, be the same more or less and bounded as followeth (to wit) beginning in the line formerly Samuel Hutchersons now John Paynors and read oak Saplin thence along the line of John Davis to a corner Sycamore shrub thence along the said Davis's line to a corner pine in James Blantons line, thence along the said Blantons line Lamberts; thence along the said Lamberts

line to Samuel Hutchersons line, thence along the said Hutchersons line to the beginning, together with each and every right claim previledge and appurtenance belonging to the said land to the proper use and behoof use and behoof of him the said Reuben Wright his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Reuben Dunnington for and behalf of himself and his heirs doth by these presents forever warrent and Defend the right title claim or claims of every other person or persons to him the said Reuben Wright for the aforementioned tract of land. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above written

R Dunnington

Signed Sealed & Delivered)
In the presence of)
R Apperson
H Ferrell
John Warren
Ben Evans

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 10 day of June 1805

This Deed poll was proved by the oaths of Richard Apperson and Hutchens Ferrell witnesses thereto - and At a Court held for the same County the 8 day of December 1806 the said Deed poll was further proved by the oath of John Warren another witness thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste
William Baskervill Cl. cur."

Reuben M. Dunnington has not as yet been found in the 1810 Census.

War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, 1812-1815, available from Ancestry.com, listed the service of R. M. Dunnington as a Private in Captain Tunnell's Tennessee Militia in the War of 1812:

"War of 1812

Numbers	No claim for pension
Soldier	R. M. Dunnington
Widow	.
Service	Pvt, Capt. Tunnell, Tenn. Mil.
Bounty Land	Wt. 2020-80-50"

The will of Reuben Wright dated on December 10, 1816, and probated on May 17, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/40, listed Polly Dunnington as one of his children:

". . . . I, Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, ... do

make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as following: . . . . Item, I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Polly Dunnington, the Judgment I obtained against Reuben Dunnington in Brunswick County, State of Virginia, and further I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Polly Dunnington twenty five pounds instead of a little negro girl to make it equal with what I intend giving William Wright, to them and their heirs forever, after my wife's death. . . . . In testament whereof I have hereunto set my seal this 10" day of December 1816

Signed Sealed and acknowl-		his	
edged in presence of	Reuben	+	Wright
Jesse Dortch		Mark	
Jane S. Langley			
. . . ."			

Reuben M. Dunnington has not as yet been found in the 1820 Census.

On October 2, 1821, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 19/276, Reuben Dennington and Polly his wife sold to William Wright and Smith Palmer the 1/7 interest of Polly in the estate of her father Reuben Wright:

"Whereas Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly Dennington of Knox County in the State of Tennessee are entitled to one Seventh part of the estate real and personal of the late Reuben Wright deceased of Mecklenburg County in the State of Virginia the father of said Polly who died leaving his last will and testament which is duly proved and Recorded for execution in Said County of Mecklenburg Virginia and the said Reuben Dennington and his wife being desirous to Sell their Interest in Said estate now this indenture made this Second day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one between Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly Dennington of Knox County aforesaid of the one part and Smith Palmer and William Wright of the County of mecklenburg aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that for and in Consideration of five hundred and fifty dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly have and by these presents do bargain, Sell transfer and Set over alien enfeoff release and confirm unto the said Smith Palmer and William Wright and their heirs and assigns forever all the right title interest and property which they the said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly have of in and to all and every part and parcel of the estate of [dark and unreadable] the Said Reuben Wright deceased both real and personal [dark and unreadable] together with all the benefits priviledges hereditaments and [dark and unreadable] thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold to the said Smith Palmer and William Wright and their heirs and assigns forever the said part or portion of the Said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly of the estate of said Reuben Wright deceased against the lawful title claim or demand of all and every person or persons whomsoever will warrant and defend In testimony whereof the said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly have

hereunto Subscribed there names and affixed there Seals the day and year first above written

Reuben Dennington
Polly Dennington

witnesses
Thos Massey
Elijah Law

State of Tennessee
Knox County October Session 1821

Then was the execution of this deed duly acknowledged in open Court by Reuben Dennington and the Court having appointed Robert Hariston and Joseph Megnall two of their own body commissioners to take the private examination of Polly Dennington Reported to Court that they had taken the private Examination of said Polly seperate and apart from her husband and that she acknowledged that she had executed said deed freely voluntarily and without any compulsion or force which is ordered to be certified accordingly Given under my hand & Seal of office at office in Knoxville the 2nd day of October 1821

Charles Mclung(?) clerk)
By his dep Will Swan)

State of Tennessee

I Robert Hariston Cherman(?) protince(?) of the county of please and quarter Session for the County of Knox in the State aforesaid do Certify that Charles mClung is clerk of Said Court that William Swan is his deputy and that the foregoing Certificate of the clerk is in due form of Law Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1821

R Hairston

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 19th day of Novr 1821

The within written deed was this day presented and ordered to be Recorded

Teste Edward L Tabb CMC"

The 1830 Census for Anderson County, Tennessee, listed Reuben Dunnington with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Reuben Dunnington	1	60-70	1	40-50
	2	20-30	1	20-30
	3	15-20		
	2	10-15		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
10					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Mary (Wright) Dunnington was born between about 1780 and 1790 and that Reuben M. Dunnington was born between about 1760 and 1770.

The 1840 Census for Anderson County, Tennessee, listed Robt. M. Dunnington with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Robt M Dunnington	1	60-70	1	30-40
	1	0-5		

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age

	Number of Persons in each Family Employed in					
Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
3		1				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing		
	Names	Ages	Deaf and Dumb No.	Ages	Blind

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 20 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

Although listed as Robt. M. Dunnington, this was probably a scrivener's error and the

listing was probably for Reuben M. Dunnington. This record indicates that Reuben M. Dunnington was born between about 1770 and 1780 and in conjunction with the 1830 Census, in about 1770. The absence of an older female in the household indicates that Mary (Wright) Dunnington had probably died before 1840.

The 1850 Census for Morgan County, Tennessee, listed R. M. Dunnington with the following household on September 28, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
R M Dunnington	78	M		Farmer	600
Lucinda Dunnington	44	F			
Alexander Dunnington	13	M			
Mary F Dunnington	8	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Va		.		
Va		.		
Tenn		1		
Tenn		1		

This record indicates that Reuben M. Dunnington was born in about 1772.

History Of Randolph And Macon Counties, Missouri, published by National Historical Company, St. Louis, Missouri, 1884, included in a biographical sketch of Reuben Dunnington, Jr., the following regarding his father Reuben Dunnington:

"REUBEN DUNNINGTON

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Dunnington is a native of Virginia, born in Mecklenburgh county, January 26, 1810, and a son of Reuben Dunnington, Sr., and wife, whose maiden name was Mary Wright, both born and reared in the Old Dominion. In 1810 they removed to Anderson county, Tenn., where they lived for about 10 years. While there the second war with Great Britain occurred and the father joined the American army. He was with Gen. Taylor and was at Mobile at the time of the battle of New Orleans. Some years after his return from the war he removed to Morgan county of that State, where he settled permanently and lived until his death. Reuben, Jr., grew to manhood in Morgan county and came to Missouri in 1837 with John

Davidson, locating in Cooper county, near Boonville.
. . . ."

4. 1846 William Wright Of Mecklenburg County, His Wife Nancy Ann (Palmer) Wright, And His Descendants

1846 William Wright of Mecklenburg County was a son of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and Charlotte (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1819 Reuben[2])

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a William Wright.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed William Wright immediately adjacent to Reuben Wright with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse. This record indicates that William Wright was born before about 1788.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of William Wright and Nancy Palmer on December 12, 1804, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all Men by these presents that we William Wright & Thomas Wright are held and firmly bound unto John Page Esqr. Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars to the which Payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our and each of our heirs Executors and admrs Jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated this 12th day of December 1804 In the 29th year of the Commonwealth
>
> The Condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful Cause to obstruct a marriage Intend to be had and Solemnized between the above bound William Wright & Nancy Palmer then the above obligation to be Void else to remain in full force and Virtue.
>
> Wm Wright
> Thomas Wright
>
> Sealed and acknowledged)
> In Presents of)
> David Dortch jr"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of William Wright and Nancy Palmer on December 12, 1804, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, William & Nancy Palmer 12 Dec 1804; b - Thomas Wright"

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one William Wright with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a William Wright.

As set forth below, William Wright moved from Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to Warren County, North Carolina.

Deed Books 15 and 16 for Warren County, North Carolina, for the period from 1796 to 1804 are no longer extant.

On April 19, 1808, at Warren County, North Carolina, D.B. 18/316, William Wright purchased from Edward Palmer 185 acres of land in Warren County on the border with Virginia:

> "This Indenture made this nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and eight Between Edward Palmer of Warren County a State of North Carolina of the one part and William Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Edward Palmer for and in Consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy pounds Current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said William Wright before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Edward Palmer to be Satisfactory hath bargained, Sold and delivered, and by these presents doth Absolutely, bargain Sell and deliver unto the said William Wright his heirs and Assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the aforesaid County of Warren and bounded as follows to wit, Begining at a pine on the Virginia line Shorts Corner thence by said line East 40 chains and 39 Links to a hickory thence by new road line South 39 Chains and 88 links to a hickory thence by a new line West 46 chains and 39 Links to a post Oak on Pitchfords line thence by his and said Shorts line North to the Begining Containing One hundred and Eighty five acres of land more or less to have and to hold the aforesaid Bargained land and premises with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the aforesaid William Wright his heirs and Assigns, And I the said Edward Palmer do for my self my heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns Warrant and forever defend the right and title of the Aforesaid premises to be free and clear of all incumbrances Whatsoever unto the said William Wright his heirs executors Administrators and Assigns forever In

Witness whereof the said Edward Palmer hath hereunto Set his hand and affixed his Seal the day and year above Written

Edward Palmer

Signed Sealed and)
acknowledged in presence of)
B Davis)
Edm Mayfield)

Warren County May Court 1809.

Buckner Davis proved this deed in Open Court & on motion the same is Ordered to be Registered

Test Dake Johnson CC

The Same is truly Reg. the 28th of June 1809

J.maron(?) RWC"

The 1808 Tax List for Warren County, North Carolina, available from List Of Taxables, Warren County Tax Lists From Originals Thomas M. Pittman Private Collection, 1792-1878, listed William Wright with 185 acres of land.

"William Wright
Land 185
White 1
poll(?) 5"

The 1810 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed William Wright with the following household on August 6, 1810:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
William Wright	1	26-45	1	26-45		12
	4	0-10				

This record indicates that William Wright and Nancy Ann (Palmer) Wright were born between about 1765 and 1784.

Warren County, North Carolina, 1815 Tax Lists, available from North Carolina Digital Collections, listed William Wright:

"District & Names	Wm Wright
Land adjoining	.
No. of Acres	185
Value per Acre	6.00
Total value of Land	1110.00
Free Poll	1
Slaves	7
Stores	.
Studs	.
Taverns	.
Billiard Tables	."

On February 16, 1816, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 16/143, William Wright purchased from Miller and Sophia Woodson, Jr., 290 acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

"This Indenture made and entered into this sixteenth day of February in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen between Miller Woodson jr of the county of Cumberland and state of Virginia of the one part and Wm Wright of the county of Warren and state of North Carolina of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid by the said William Wright unto the said Miller Woodson jr he he the said Miller Woodson jr hath this day granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto him the said William Wright one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg containing two and ninety acres by late survey and adjoining the lands of Amasa Palmer Ruben Wright John B Goode and others to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said William Wright his heirs &c and he the said Miller Woodson jr doth by these warrent and defend the true and lawful title to said tract of land against the claim and demand of all and every person or persons Whatsoever In testimony whereof he the said Miller Woodson jr hath this day set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first above written

Miller Woodson Jr
Sophia Woodson

signed sealed and delivered
the presence of
Howel L Jaffries
Dabney Farrar
Amasa Palmer

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 16th day of February 1816

This Indenture was acknowledged in Court by the said Miller Woodson jr to be

his act and deed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Edward L Tabb Cl cur"

The will of Reuben Wright dated on December 10, 1816, and probated on May 17, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/40, listed William Wright as one of his children:

". . . . I, Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, ... do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as following: . . . . Item, I give and bequeath to my son William Wright two negros named Perk & Silvy and her increase to him and his heirs forever. . . . . Lastly I constitute my sons William Wright and Reuben Wright Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made, In testament whereof I have hereunto set my seal this 10" day of December 1816

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of
Jesse Dortch
Jane S. Langley
. . . ."

Reuben his + Mark Wright

The 1820 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed William Wright with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
William Wright	1	45+	1	26-45	
	3	10-16	2	0-10	
	1	0-10			

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
3			2	26-45
			3	14-26

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
1	14-26					
1	0-14					

This record indicates that William Wright was born before about 1775 and that Nancy Ann (Palmer) Wright was born between about 1775 and 1794.

On April 11, 1821, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 19/140, William Wright of Warren County, North Carolina, purchased from Thomas and Mary M. Palmer 62½ acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

> "This Indenture made this 11th day of April in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one Between Thomas Palmer and Mary M Palmer his wife of Mecklenburg County and state of Virginia of the one part and William Wright of warren County and state of north Carolina of the other part Whereas the said Thomas and Mary M his wife for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold conveyed and made over, and by these presents do Grant, bargain sell convey and make over unto the said William Wright his heirs and assigns forever a certain piece or tract of land situate lying and being in the County of mecklenburg & state above named containing by advertisement sixty two acres & one half be the same more or less and bounded as follows begining at Hickory smith & Thomas Palmers corner running north 7 west 37 poles by a line of market trees smith palmers line to stake in amaza Palmers mill path thence along said path in a westerly direction as it meanders to a white oak on the side of said path in charlotte Wright & Amasa palmers line thence by charlotte Wrights line a south east direction by mark trees to a spanish oak, her's & Thomas palmer's corner thence along a line of mark'd trees north 2 East 120 poles to the begining To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land with the priviledges and immunities to the said William Wright his heirs & assigns forever without the least trouble interruption or molestation of him the said Thomas palmer or Mary M Palmer his wife or any other person or persons claiming or claiming from or under him or her or any of them and the said Thomas Palmer and M his wife covenant for themselves their heirs executors admrs and assigns to and with the said William Wright and his assigns that they do warrant and will forever defend the Just right and title to the aforesaid conveyd land free from all or any incumbrances whatsoever to the said William Wright his heirs and assigns forever In witness whereof the said Thomas palmer and Mary M palmer have hereunto put there hands and seals the day and year first above written
>
> Thos Palmer
> Mary her X mark Palmer
>
> signed sealed & delivered
> In presence of
>
> Mecklenburg County to wit

we Edward Travis and John Davis Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid and state of Virginia do hereby certify Mary m Palmer the wife of Thomas Palmer parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real estate to william Wright baring date the 11th day of April 1821 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us prively and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Mary M Palmer acknowledged the same to be her deed and declared she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and she wishes not to retract it Given under our hands and seals this day of ___ one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Edwd Travis JP
John Davis JP

Mecklenburg County

We Edward Travis and John Davis magistrates of the said county do hereby certify that Thomas Palmer and Mary M palmer parties to the within conveyance have duly acknowledged the same before us on the 11 april 1821 and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the clerk of the county of mecklenburg aforesaid in order that the conveyance may be recorded as witness our hands and seal this day and date above written

Edwd. Travis JP.
John Davis JP.

Mecklenburg Clerks office 16th day of July 1821

The within written Indenture was this day recd in the clerks office aforesaid and pursuant to an act of assembly in such cases made and provided is admitted to record.

Teste,
Edwd. L. Tabb cl c"

On October 2, 1821, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 19/276, William Wright of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and Smith Palmer purchased from Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly the 1/7 interest of Polly in the estate of her father Reuben Wright:

"Whereas Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly Dennington of Knox County in the State of Tennessee are entitled to one Seventh part of the estate real and personal of the late Reuben Wright deceased of Mecklenburg County in the State of Virginia the father of said Polly who died leaving his last will and testament which is duly proved and Recorded for execution in Said County of

Mecklenburg Virginia and the said Reuben Dennington and his wife being desirous to Sell their Interest in Said estate now this indenture made this Second day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one between Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly Dennington of Knox County aforesaid of the one part and Smith Palmer and William Wright of the County of mecklenburg aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that for and in Consideration of five hundred and fifty dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly have and by these presents do bargain, Sell transfer and Set over alien enfeoff release and confirm unto the said Smith Palmer and William Wright and their heirs and assigns forever all the right title interest and property which they the said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly have of in and to all and every part and parcel of the estate of [dark and unreadable] the Said Reuben Wright deceased both real and personal [dark and unreadable] together with all the benefits priviledges hereditaments and [dark and unreadable] thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold to the said Smith Palmer and William Wright and their heirs and assigns forever the said part or portion of the Said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly of the estate of said Reuben Wright deceased against the lawful title claim or demand of all and every person or persons whomsoever will warrant and defend In testimony whereof the said Reuben Dennington and his wife Polly have hereunto Subscribed there names and affixed there Seals the day and year first above written

Reuben Dennington
Polly Dennington

witnesses
Thos Massey
Elijah Law

State of Tennessee
Knox County October Session 1821

Then was the execution of this deed duly acknowledged in open Court by Reuben Dennington and the Court having appointed Robert Hariston and Joseph Megnall two of their own body commissioners to take the private examination of Polly Dennington Reported to Court that they had taken the private Examination of said Polly seperate and apart from her husband and that she acknowledged that she had executed said deed freely voluntarily and without any compulsion or force which is ordered to be certified accordingly Given under my hand & Seal of office at office in Knoxville the 2nd day of October 1821

Charles Mclung(?) clerk)
By his dep Will Swan)

State of Tennessee

I Robert Hariston Cherman(?) protince(?) of the county of please and quarter Session for the County of Knox in the State aforesaid do Certify that Charles mClung is clerk of Said Court that William Swan is his deputy and that the foregoing Certificate of the clerk is in due form of Law Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1821

R Hairston

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 19th day of Novr 1821

The within written deed was this day presented and ordered to be Recorded

Teste Edward L Tabb CMC"

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a William Wright.

On September 5, 1822, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 20/448, William Wright, as executor of the will of Reuben Wright, sold to William Marshall the tract of 57¾ acres purchased by Reuben Wright by Mecklenburg County Deed 16/317.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a William Wright.

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one William Wright on March 15, 1824, with 8 slaves over 12 and 4 horses.

On March 16, 1824, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 21/18, William Wright of Mecklenburg County purchased from John C. Carrol and his wife Sally (Wright) Carrol of Warren County, North Carolina, her interest as a daughter of Robert Wright and granddaughter of Reuben and Charlotte Wright in the estates of Reuben Wright and Charlotte Wright:

"This Indenture made this Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between John C Carrol and Sally Carrol formerly Sally Wright now the Wife of the said John C Carrol of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia of the one part and William Wright of the said County and State of Virginia of the other part Whereas the said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol his Wife for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred & Seventy eight dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and they the said John C Carrol & Sally Carrol his Wife themselves their Several and seperate heirs Executors administrators and assigns from all and any part of the said Sum of one hundred and seventy eight dollars. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that whereas the said Sally Carrol

formerly Sally Wright by the last will and testament of Reuben Wright Senr. of Mecklenburg County deceased the said Sally Carrol being grand Daughter of the said Reuben became entitled under said will to a share or ratable part of the Estate of the said Reuben devised and bequeathed by him to the heirs of his son Robert Wright (the said Sally Carrol being one) the said Robert having died in the lifetime of his said Father Reuben the testator last named and the said Reuben by his said will bequeathed to his wife Charlotte Wright during her natural life or widowhood the whole of his real and personal Estate and at his death to be disposed of and divided as therein directed and appointed therein his son William Wright a party to this Indenture Executor of his said will, and whereas the Said Charlotte hath departed this life whereby the said Sally Carroll formerly Sally Wright hath become entitled to one forty second part of the share bequeathed by the will of the said Reuben to the heirs of his son Robert as also the like share of the personal Estate of the said Charlotte she having died intestate and the Said William having qualified as Executor of the said Reuben and also having been duly granted administration of the Estate of the Said Charlotte hath become legally invested with the management and direction of said Estates, and they the said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol his Wife for and in Consideration of the premises aforesaid and of the payment of the said One hundred and Seventy eight dollars to them in hand made by the said William. Have this day bargained released and Sold unto the said William all their right title and Interest which they the said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol or either or both of them had at any time heretofore or might or could have heretofore in either of the said Estate of the Said Reuben and Charlotte in law or in equity and they the said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol his wife for themselves their Several and Seperate heirs Executors administrators and assigns do by these presents fully and wholly acquit exonerate and discharge the Said William his heirs Executors administrators and assigns from all and every Claim or claims and from all and every other use profit or advantage that might or could own in to the Said William for or on account of the said purchase as aforesaid or upon any other Contingency whatsoever and lastly they stu(?) Said John C Carrol and Sally Carrol futher for themselves their heirs Executors administrators and assigns do now and forever hereafter Exonerate and discharge the Said William as Executor of the said Reuben and also administrator of the Said Charlotte from all and every Claim which they the John C Carrol and Sally Carrol his Wife or either of them or their heirs Exors administrators or assigns of them respectively could or might have had against the Estate of the said Reuben and Charlotte or either of them. In Witness whereof have interchangeably put their hand and Seals the day and year first above written

John C Carroll
her
Sally X Carroll
mark

In Witness of

Wm Hendrick)
Benjamin Freeman)
Jno: Owen Jr)

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 17th day of May 1824

The Within written Deed was this day acknowledged by the within named John C Carroll a party thereto to be his act and Deed and ordered to be recorded

Teste Edw L Tabb Cl"

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one William Wright on March 15, 1824, with 8 slaves over 12 and 4 horses.

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one William Wright on March 21, 1825, with 9 slaves over 12 and 5 horses.

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one William Wright on March 5, 1830, with 1 white male over 16, 10 slaves over 16, no slaves between 12 and 16, 6 horses, and 1 stud horse worth $4 per covering.

The 1830 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
William Wright	1	50-60	1	60-70
	1	20-30	1	15-20
			1	10-15

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
2	24-36	2	36-55				
1	10-24	2	24-36				
4	0-10	5	0-10				

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
21					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that William Wright was born between about 1770 and 1780 and in conjunction with the 1820 Census, between about 1770 and 1775.

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one William Wright with 1 white male over 16, 9 slaves over 16, 3 slaves between 12 and 16, 9 horses, and 1 carriage worth $100.

On January 17, 1835, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 26/241, William Wright purchased from John M. Wright, Nathaniel Alexander, and William Marshall, as commissioners, 106 acres of land in Mecklenburg County:

> "This Indenture made this seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five Between Nathaniel Alexander, John M. Wright and William Marshall all of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia, commissioners appointed by the worshipful Court of said County and State aforesaid of the one part and William Wright of said county and State of the other part. Whereas they the said Nathaniel Alexander, John M. Wright and William Marshall commissioners as aforesaid have bargained, sold transferred and made over unto the said William Wright and his heirs forever for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and twenty one dollars, a certain piece or tract of Land situate in the said county of Mecklenburg and State above named containing one hundred and six acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows, begining at a pine, Hendricks corner, thence west along Nicholson's line to a white oak thence north along Marshall's line to Stake, thence along Perkinson's line to a black-jack, thence South along said line to a post oak thence along said line east to a stake, thence south along said line to a black-jack, thence east said line to a white oak, Hendricks corner, thence South along said line to a red oak bush, thence West along said line to a corner hickory, thence South to the begining. To have and to hold the aforesaid land

and premises together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said William Wright his heirs executors admors: and assigns forever, and they the said Nathaniel Alexander, John M. Wright and William Marshall commissioners as aforesaid acting under the authority of the said worshipful court of Mecklenburg do warrant and defend the just right and title of the aforesaid land and premises to the said William Wright his heirs and assigns from all manner of claims whatsoever. In testimony whereof we the said commissioners above named have hereunto put our hands and seals the day and year first above written

Nathanl Alexander
John M. Wright
Wm. Marshall

Mecklenburg County Va.

We John Davis and Christopher Haskins Justices of the peace in the said county aforesaid in the said State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Nathaniel Alexander, John M. Wright & William Marshall parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 17th: day of January 1835 and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us, in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and desired us, to certify said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Mecklenburg, in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 17th day of January 1835

John Davis
Ch. Haskins

Mecklenburg County Clerks Office 19th: of January 1835.

The foregoing Indenture of Bargain and sale together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereon endorsed was this day received in the clerks office aforesaid and pursuant to an act of Assembly in such cases made and provided is admitted to record.

Jno. G. Baptist C.C."

On January 17, 1835, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 26/242, William Wright then sold to Abner P. Wright and John M. Wright the 106 acres of land purchased by Mecklenburg County Deed 26/241:

"This Indenture made this seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five Between William Wright of the Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia of the one part and Abner P. Wright and John M Wright both of said county and state above named of the other part. Witnesseth that the said William Wright for and in consideration of the sum of

three hundred and twenty one dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained, sold transferred and made over and by these presents do grant bargain sell transfer and make over unto them the said Abner P. and John M. Wright their heirs and assigns forever, a certain piece or tract of Land situate in the said County of Mecklenburg and State above named containing One hundred and Six acres, be the same more or less and bounded as follows, begining at a pine Hendricks corner, thence west along Nicholson's line to a white oak, thence north along Marshall's line to Stake thence along perkinson's line to a black jack, thence South along said line to a post oak thence east along said line to a white oak Hendricks corner, thence south along said line to a red oak bush, thence West along said line to a corner hickory, thence south to the begining. To have and to hold the aforesaid land and premises together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said Abner P. and John M. Wright their joint and separate heirs executors admors: and assigns forever, which said piece or parcel or tract of Land thus particularly described and conveyed was purchased by the said William Wright at public sale from Nathaniel Alexander John M. Wright and William Marshall commissioners appointed by the worshipful Court of Mecklenburg for that purpose, and by them conveyed to the said William Wright for himself his heirs executors admors and assigns covenant promise and agree to and with the said Abner P. and John M. Wright their heirs and assigns, that the said William by virtue of his title aforesaid, will warrant and forever defend the just right and title to the said tract of Land herein described from all manner of claim or claims whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said William Wright hath hereunto put his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

William Wright

signed, sealed & acknowledged)
in presence of)
Nathanl Alexander
W. N. Meacham
Wm Marshall

Mecklenburg County Va.

We Nathaniel Alexander and John Davis Justices of the peace in the said county aforesaid in the said State of Virginia do hereby certify that William Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 17th: day of January 1835 and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us, to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Mecklenburg, in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 17th day of January 1835

Nathanl Alexander

John Davis

Mecklenburg County Clerks Office 19th: of January 1835.

The foregoing Indenture of Bargain and sale together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereon endorsed was this day received in the clerks office aforesaid, and pursuant to an act of assembly in such cases made and provided is admitted to record.

Jno. G. Baptist, C.C."

On January 17, 1835, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 26/243, William Wright gifted to his sons Abner P. Wright and John M. Wright the 290 acres of land purchased by Mecklenburg County Deed 16/143:

"This Indenture made this seventeenth day of January in the year of our one thousand eight hundred and thirty five Between William Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia of the one part, and Abner P. Wright and John M. Wright both of said county and State above named of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Wright for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he beareth towards his two sons the said Abner P. Wright and John M. Wright and for the farther Consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold transferred and made over and by these presents do grant bargain sell transfer and make over unto them the said Abner P. Wright and John M. Wright and their heirs and assigns forever, one certain piece, parcel or tract of Land situate lying and being in the aforesaid County of Mecklenburg and State above named, containing by estimation Two hundred and ninety acres be the same more or less and bounded by the Lands of Horace Palmer, Wm Hendrick, James Cunningham, William Bailey and others. To Have and to hold the aforesaid tract of Land together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appurtaining unto them the said Abner P. & Jno. M. Wright their joint and seperate heirs executors admors and assigns forever, and lastly the said William Wright for himself his heirs executors adm'ors and assigns covenant promise and agree to and with them the said Abner P. & John M. Wright their heirs and assigns, do warrant and defend the just right and title to the aforesaid premises and from all and every claim whatsoever either in law or equity. In testimony whereof the said William Wright hath hereunto put his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

W. Wright

signed, sealed & acknowledged)
in presence of)

We Nathaniel Alexander and John Davis Justices of the peace in the said county

aforesaid in the said State of Virginia do hereby certify that William Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 17th: day of January 1835 and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Mecklenburg, in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 17th: day of January 1835

Nathanl Alexander
John Davis

Mecklenburg County Clerks Office 19th: of January 1835.

The foregoing Indenture of Bargain and sale together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereon endorsed was this day received in the clerks office aforesaid. And pursuant to an act of assembly in such cases made & provided is admitted to record.

Jno. G. Baptist, C.C."

On January 11, 1838, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 28/119, William Wright and his wife Ann Wright sold to John M. Wright all of their interest in the land of Abner P. Wright, deceased, consisting of 536 acres owned jointly with John M. Wright:

"This Indenture made the 11th day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty eight between William Wright and Ann his wife of the one part, and John M. Wright of the other part, all of the County of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia; Witnesseth: That the said William Wright & Ann his wife, in consideration of One thousand dollars lawful money of this commonwealth, to them in hand paid by the said Jno. M. Wright, at or before the ensealing & delivery of these presents, (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) Have bargained and sold, and by these presents do, and each of them doth bargain & sell unto the said John M. Wright, his heirs and assigns, all their right title and interest in a certain tract of land on the East side of Cotton Creek & south side of Roanoke River, in the county of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia, it being the undivided land held by Abner P. Wright decd. and Jno: M. Wright, containing five hundred & thirty six acres be the same more or less and bound as follows, that is to say; On the north by the land of J. R. Perkinson, on the East by the lands of Wm Hendrick H. Palmer & Wm. Wright, on the South by the land of George Jefferson and on the West by the lands of Clemt: Read & William Marshall, together with all and singular the appurtenances and the reversion and reversions, remainder & remainders, yearly & other rents, issues & profits thereof, and of every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said land, with the tenements, hereditaments and all and singular other the premises herein before mentioned or intended to be bargained & sold, and every part and parcel thereof, with every of their rights members and appurtenances, unto the said Jno: M. Wright his

heirs and assigns forever, with all and singular the appertenances, and the said William Wright and Ann his wife for themselves & their heirs the said land with all and singular the premises & appurtenances before mentioned, unto the said Jno: M. Wright his heirs and assigns, free from the Claim or claims of them the said William Wright and Ann his wife, Or either of them, their or either of their heirs, and of all and every person or persons whatsoever, shall will and do warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof, the said Wm Wright & Ann his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Wm Wright
Ann Wright

We Nathl Alexander and John Davis justices of the peace in the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that William Wright and Ann his wife parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 11th: day of Jany: 1838, and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Mecklenburg in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 11th: day of January 1838.

Nathl Alexander J.P.
John Davis J.P.

Mecklenburg County Sc.

We Nathl Alexander and John Davis Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Ann Wright the wife of William Wright parties to a certain deed, bearing date on the 11th day of Jany: 1838 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us, in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Ann Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 11th day of Jany: 1838.

Nathl Alexander J.P.
John Davis J.P.

Mecklenburg County Clerks Office 21st January 1839.

The foregoing Indenture of Bargain & sale together with the certificates of acknowledgment & relinquishment of Dower thereon endorsed was this day received in the Clerks Office aforesaid, and pursuant to an act of assembly in such cases made and provided, is admitted to record.

Teste Richd. B. Baptist, C.C."

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one William Wright with 1 white male over 16, 12 slaves over 16, 2 slaves between 12 and 16, and 6 horses.

The 1840 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
William Wright	1	60-70	1	60-70
	1	20-30	1	20-30
			1	15-20

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				2	55-100	3	24-36
				2	36-55	3	10-24
				1	24-36	4	0-10
				3	10-24		

	Number of Persons in each Family Employed in					
Total	Mining	Agri-culture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navi-gation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
23		9	1			

Learned profes-sions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolu-tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Ages	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb No.	Ages	Blind

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 20 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that William Wright was born between about 1770 and 1780 and in conjunction with the 1820 Census, between about 1770 and 1775.

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one William Wright with 1 white male over 16, 10 slaves over 16, 1 slave between 12 and 16, 6 horses, and 1 metallic clock.

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed the William Wright Estate with no white male over 16, 11 slaves over 16, 1 slave between 12 and 16, and 5 horses. This record indicates that William Wright had died in about 1846.

Family Records, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, by Susan Bracey Sheppard and Carol Bracey Corker and published in 1997, included a transcription of the Family Bible of John M. Wright which listed the deaths of William Wright on March 29, 1846, and of Ann Wright on August 29, 1846:

"John M. Wright Bible, 1838-1884

New York, Published T. Mason & O. Lane, for the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Conference Office, 200 Mulberry Street, 1837.

. . . .
Deaths
William Wright Died the 19th March 1846
Ann Wright Died the 29th August 1846
. . . ."

Although 1846 William Wright had a large estate at his death, including 12 slaves, no estate administration for him has as yet been found in either Mecklenburg County, Virginia, or Warren County, North Carolina, no court order appointing an executor or administrator has been found, no inventory and appraisement of his estate has been found, and no deed or court record has been found allocating dower to a widow or making a division of his land and personal property. The documents relating to his estate administration may have been transferred to another court due to litigation, but no such court case has as yet been found.

The 1847 and 1848 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a William Wright, consistent with his death in 1846, and did not list a William Wright Estate.

The absence of a will or other estate documentation and his death before the 1850 Census makes difficult the identification of his children. However, Mecklenburg County Deed 26/243 set forth above other documentation set forth below has been found which identifies five of his children.

The will of Amasa P. Wright was dated on July 29, 1846, probated on June 19, 1848, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 16/519, and provided as follows:

> "In the name of God amen. I Amasa P Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia being of sound and disposing mind but knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make ordain publish and declare this to be my last Will and testament in writing revoking and annulling any Will or Wills by me made heretofore. Imprimus. I will and desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable after my death. Item. It is my Will that my Executor hereinafter named, do cause the two children of Caroline Coleman say a Boy and a Girl to be genteely bounded cloth and educated, say boarded where and clothed as my excecutor shall think their condition and family would justify the Education to be a plain english education they both to be sent to school untill they attain the age of fifteen years, after which I wish the boy bound out to some good mechanical trade untill he arrives at lawful age, the Girl to put out to the milliners or mantua makers business with some genteel lady in the Town of Petersburg untill she attains the age of 18 years. Item. It is my will that my Executor shall have full authority to purchase a likely negro boy about the age of the above named boy

and put him to the same trade and at the same time that the boy is put to the trade, and if upon the arrival of said boy at lawful age he should seem to be any account and having previously conducted himself so as to warrant such an opinion in the judgment of my executor that he shall convey say negro Boy to said Boy known to me as Samuel H. Coleman and it is also my will that my Executor purchase a negro Girl of about the age of the Girl and at her marriage or arriving at the age of twenty one years provided her marriage is approved by my Executor or in the event of her not marrying before she attains the age of twenty one years and having attained that age with respectability and credit that my executor shall convey to her and the lawful increase of her body the said negro Girl or woman and her increase to them and their heirs forever but should either die before they attain the age of twenty one years the negro boy or Girl or both in the event of the death of both the children shall in that case be considered as a part of my estate and to be disposed of as the ballance of my estate is disposed of, full authority is given my Executor to withhold either or both of the legacies provided he shall think that either the boy or Girl should be unworthy of a bestowal of such property upon them. Item It is my will and desire that any land or negro or other personal Estate belonging to me at the time of my death be kept and worked as in my life time untill my nephew Amasa Wright son of my brother John M Wright arrives at 21 years of age and any money on hand to be put out at interest if debts due the person owing to be allowed to keep the same upon them making the debt or debts perfectly secure to the mind of my Executor and paying the Interest annually & promptly the Interest to be loaned out and all kept at Interest untill the arrival of said Amasa at lawful age. Item It is my will and desire that the whole of my estate be equally divided between the children now born or that may be born before Amasa Wright arrives at lawful age of my two Brothers John and Silas and the children of my sister Polly. should they or either prove to have no child or children at that time, it is to be divided amongst the living children or the legal heirs of the body or bodies of any that may have died before the aforesaid appointed time, of my said Brothers and Sister. Item It is my will and desire that should either of my Brothers or Sister prove unfortunate and come to want that my Estate be chargable with their comfortable support during their life or lives. Item It is my will and desire that my Brother John M Wright who is now engaged in a mercantile establishment with me be authorised to retain in his hands any or all the money either for advancement to or profits in said mercantile establishment due me as long as he may desire it, not however longer than the time appointed to divide my estate, he paying Interest on same or other persons are required to do. Item. I constitute and appoint my Brother Jno. M. Wright my Executor to this my last will and testament, and he is fully authorised, and the County Court of Mecklenburg is respectfully required to allow him to qualify without giving Security, as I have full and implicit confidence in him and believing he understands my views and wishes better than any other person, his interpretation of any part of this paper if any doubt shall arise, should be binding upon all others in any way interested, any existing Law or Laws to the contrary notwithstanding. Item It is my will and desire that my body be neatly buried after my death as regards the coffin it is to

be of pine blacked out side and lined inside with white flannel without a case as I consider it a throwing away of that on the dead that might be useful to the living, to bury the dead with so much expense. In testimony of all & singular the premises, I do make and proclaim this to be my last will & testament made and signed this the 29th day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Amasa P. Wright

The words "as debt due me" & if money erased before signed, and the words now born or that may be born before Amasa Wright arrives at Lawful age the word "or" the words "with me" and the word "have" Interlined before signed

Amasa P. Wright

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County at the Court thereof on the 19th day of June 1848 - The foregoing last Will and testament of Amasa P Wright was this day produced in open Court and Beverley Jones and J. J. Daly being sworn sayeth that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Amasa P Wright having frequently seen him write and they verily believe that the said will throughout together with the signature thereto is in the own proper hand writing of the said Amasa P. Wright and is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of John M. Wright who made oath thereto and there being no security required in the said will entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of $60,000 conditioned according to Law certificate is granted him for obtaining probat of the said will in due form.

Teste Richard B Baptist Clk"

In August 1862 at Warren County, North Carolina, W.B. 49/418, the will of Amasa P. Wright was proved again with the following order:

"Warren County August Court 1862.

A paper writing purporting to be the will of Amasa P. Wright, of Mecklenburg County Virginia and without subscribing witnesses, is exhibited for probate by John M. Wright, the executor therein named, it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of the said John M. Wright, that the same was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said Amasa after his death; And it is further proved by oath and examination of John M Wright, John E Wright and Silas D Wright, that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Amasa, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said Amasa, subscribed to said will, and said will itself and every part thereof, are in the proper handwriting of the said Amasa, and that the said handwriting is generally known to his acquaintances. It is therefore considered that said paper writing is the will of the said Amasa P Wright, as to his real estate in North Carolina, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. It is further ordered that the said

John M Wright executor as aforesaid have leave to withdraw the original will from the Office after the same shall have been recorded.

Teste
Wm. A. White C C Clk"

These last two records identify the family of Amasa P. Wright as follows:

Brother: John M. Wright

Brother: Silas D. Wright

Sister: Polly Wright

Nephew, son of John M. Wright: Amasa Wright

The 1850 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed John M. Wright on November 26, 1850, and his age as 42 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1808, and also listed his son Amasa, age 7 and born in Virginia.

The 1850 Census for Warren County, Virginia, listed Silas D. Wright on August 22, 1850, and his age as 37 and born in North Carolina, indicating a date of birth in about 1813.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Silas D. Wright and Winnfred Cocke on March 5, 1862, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and listed his parents as William and Ann Wright and his birth in 1812 in Warren County, North Carolina:

"Marriage License.

Virginia - County of Mecklenburg To Wit:

To any Person Licensed to celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Silas D Wright and Winnfred Cocke

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of said County, this third day of March 1862

R F Clack, Clerk.

Certificate To Obtain A Marriage License,
To be annexed to the License, required by the Act passed 15th March 1861.

Time of Marriage,	March 5th 1862.
Place of Marriage,	Levi Talley, Mecklenburg County, Va.
Full Names of Parties married,	Silas D Wright and Winnfred Cocke
Age of Husband,	48 years
Age of Wife,	42 years
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single)	Widowed
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single)	Single
Place of Husband's Birth,	Warren County, No. Carolina
Place of Wife's Birth,	Mecklenburg County, Va.
Place of Husband's Residence,	Warren County, No. Carolina
Place of Wife's Residence,	Mecklenburg County, Va.
Names of Husband's Parents,	William & Ann Wright
Names of Wife's Parents,	James and Ann Cocke
Occupation of Husband,	Farmer

Given under my hand this third day of March 1862.

R F Clack Clerk.

Minister's Return Of Marriage.

I certify, that on the 5th day of march 1862 at Levi Tally's I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Given under my hand S. V. Hoyle Minister of Gospel"

This record identifies Silas D. Wright as a son of William Wright and Nancy Ann (Palmer) Wright.

Family Records, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, by Susan Bracey Sheppard and Carol Bracey Corker and published in 1997, included the following transcription of the Family Bible of John M. Wright, reproduced here in part:

"John M. Wright Bible, 1838-1884

New York, Published T. Mason & O. Lane, for the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Conference Office, 200 Mulberry Street, 1837.

. . . .

Marriages

John M. Wright and Jane H. Davis were married Wednesday the 21st day of March 1838. By Rev Wm. B. Rowzie of the Methodist E. Church.

. . . .

Births.

Martha Ann Wright Daughter of John M. & Jane H. Wright was born the 18th day of May 1839.
Mary Wright daughter of John M. & Jane H. Wright was born the 1st day of March 1842
Amasa P. Wright Son of John M. & Jane H. Wright was born the 6th day of March 1843.
Sally B. Wright was born 4th of May 1849
Willie Wright was born 13th August 1856.
. . . .
Deaths
William Wright Died the 19th March 1846
Ann Wright Died the 29th August 1846
Amasa P. Wright Died the 31st May 1848
Jno. M. Wright Died the 24th Oct 1867
Amasa P. Wright Jr Killed in Battle near Shephardstown Va the 25th August 1864
. . . ."

These last six records and Mecklenburg County Deed 26/243 identify five of the children of 1846 William Wright and Nancy Ann (Palmer) Wright as the following:

1) Amasa P. Wright,

2) Abner P. Wright,

3) John M. Wright, born in about 1808 in Virginia,

4) Silas D. Wright, born in about 1812 or 1813 in Warren County, North Carolina, and

5) Polly Wright.

5. 1811/16 Thomas Wright (Mecklenburg County)

1811/16 Thomas Wright (Mecklenburg County) was a son of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and Charlotte (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1819 Reuben[2])

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with son Thomas Wright and 2 whites over 16, 5 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, including slaves Jack, Phill, Sall, Lucy, and Ussy. The absence of Thomas Wright from the 1797 Tax List and his listing as a white tithe over 21 in this tax list indicates that he was born in about 1779.

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with 1 white over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse.

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with 1 white over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1800 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with son Thomas and 2 whites over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with sons Thomas and Joshua and 3 whites over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

On December 5, 1802, at Meckenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 11/349, Thomas Wright acted as a witness to a mortgage executed by Robert Wright to Curby Langford, as Trustee, as to 172 acres of land and certain personal property to secure a debt of £89, 14 shillings, 3 pence due to Richard Russell.

The 1803 and 1804 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Wright.

On December 12, 1804, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Thomas Wright acted as surety on the marriage bond of William Wright and Nancy Palmer.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright on July 19, 1806, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright on August 1, 1807, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright on April 1, 1809, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright on March 16, 1810, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1810 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright on March 26, 1811, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1812, 1813, 1814, and 1815 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Wright.

The will of Reuben Wright dated on December 10, 1816, and probated on May 17, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/40, did not list Thomas Wright as one of his children, indicating that Thomas Wright had died before December 10, 1816.

On October 2, 1821, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 19/276, Reuben Dennington and Polly his wife sold to William Wright and Smith Palmer the 1/7 interest of Polly in the estate of Reuben Wright. This record confirms the death of one of Reuben Wright's eight children prior to his own death and therefore, the early death of Thomas Wright sometime between March 26, 1811, and December 10, 1816.

6. Joshua Wright And His Wife Phoebe (Finch) (Short) Wright

Joshua Wright was a son of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and Charlotte (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1819 Reuben[2])

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Phebe Finch and Jacob Short on October 23, 1794, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Jacob Short & William Finch of Mclenburg County are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Henry Lee Esquire Governor or chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Just sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to the which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth, we bind our and each of our heirs Exors & Admors jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 23d day of October 1794
>
> The Condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound Jacob Short and Phebe Finch then the above obligation to be Void else to remain in full force and Virtue
>
> Jacob his X mark Short
> his

Wm T Finch
mark

Sealed & Delivered)
In the presence of)
Newman Dortch"

As will be set forth below, Joshua Wright married Phebe Short, the widow of Jacob Short.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with sons Thomas and Joshua and 3 whites over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses. This record indicates that Joshua Wright was born before about 1786.

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Joshua Wright with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Joshua Wright.

North Carolina, County Marriages, 1762-2011, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the undated marriage bond of Joshua Wright and Phoebe (Finch) (Short) Wright in Warren County, North Carolina:

> "We Joshua Wright and John Beard are hereby held and firmly bound unto James Turner esq and his successors in office in the sum of five hundred pounds to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs and executors.
>
> The condition of the above obligation is such - The said Joshua Wright is about to be married to Mrs. Phebe Short, that there is no lawful cause to obstruct this marriage. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names
>
> James Moss Joshua Wright
> his
> Jno X Beard
> mark"

Warren County, North Carolina, Marriage Bonds, typed by The Genealogical Society of Utah in 1943 and 1944, and available from Ancestry.com, also listed the marriage bond of Joshua Wright and Phoebe Short in Warren County, North Carolina, with no date:

"Groom Joshua Wright
Bride Phoebe Short (widow)
Date of Bonds .
Bondsman & Witness Jno. -x- Beard(?)
(w) James Moss"

On October 9, 1804, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 12/251, in the case of Austin Wright vs. Richard Russell, the court ordered notice be given to the defendant of the deposition of Joshua Wright and Phebee Wright among others as witnesses in the case:

"At a Court Continued and held for Mecklenburg County the 9th day of October 1804

. . . .

Austin Wright	Plt	)	
against		)	In Case
Richard Russell	Deft	)	

By Consent of the parties a Commission is awarded the Plt to examine and take the deposition of Robert Huddleston, William Turner, Stephen Turner, David Moss, Joshua Wright, and Phebee Wright Witnesses in this cause of Warren County and State of North Carolina before any two Magistrates of that County giving the deft legal notice of the time and place of Executing the same"

This record indicates that Joshua Wright and Pheobe (Finch) (Short) Wright had married before October 9, 1804, and were then living in Warren County, North Carolina.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Joshua Wright.

Findagrave.com noted that there is no gravestone for Jacob Short in the Carleton Family Cemetery, in Fincastle, Botetourt County, Virginia, but listed the death of Jacob Short in June 1805 in Botetourt County, Virginia. If this is correct, then Jacob Short and Phoebe (Finch) Short had separated before his death and his death after 1804 created doubts about the legality of the marriage of Joshua Wright and Phoebe (Finch) Short which had occurred before October 9, 1804. As set forth below, this doubt led to later litigation.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on May 9, 1806, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on March 10, 1807, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 1, 1809, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on March 20, 1810, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse.

The 1810 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

On February 20, 1811, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 15/388, in the case of Joshua Wright and his wife Phoebe (Short) Wright against George and Edith Tucker, the defendants filed their answer to the complaint saying that Joshua Wright and Phoebe were never married and that Jacob Short was still living:

> "At a Court of Quarterly Sessions Continued and held for Mecklenburg County at the Court house the 20th day of February 1811
> . . . .
> Joshua Wright and Phoebe his wife late Phoebe Short widow and relict of Jacob Short decd. Demandants
> against) On a writ of dower
> George Tucker and Edith his wife defts)
>
> The defts by their attorney come & defend the force & injury when &c and say that the said Phoebe was never married nor under Coverture with the said Joshua Wright, and that her husband Jacob Short is still living; with leave to give any special matter in evidence - & of this they put themselves upon the Country & the demandants liekwise"

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on March 26, 1811, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and 2 horses.

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on May 12, 1812, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse.

On August 18, 1812, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 16/297, in the case of Wright v. Tucker, the court dismissed the complaint for non-appearance:

> "18th August Court 1812
>
> Joshua Wright and Phoebe his wife late Phoebe Short widow & relict of Phoebe Short decd Demandants)

against) On a writ of Dower
George Tucker & Edith his wife Defendants)

This day Came the defendants by their Attorney and the Pet tho solemnly called Came not in his suit further prosecuted. Thereupon on the prayer of the said defendants, It is Considered by the Court, that they recover against the Plaintiffs five shillings damages according to Law and their Costs by them about their defence in this behalf expended"

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 3, 1813, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and no horses.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 2, 1814, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 1, 1815, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 6, 1816, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The will of Reuben Wright dated on December 10, 1816, and probated on May 17, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/40, listed Joshua Wright as one of his children:

". . . . I, Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, ... do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as following: . . . . Item, I lend to my son Joshua Wright one negro boy named Anderson and one negro girl named Luckkey, with this condition, that if my son Joshua should depart this life before his wife Feaby, then for the said negroes to be returned and equally divided among the rest of my children, but if Feaby his wife should depart this life first, then I give my son Joshua Wright the two negros above mentioned to dispose of as he thinks fit. . . . . Item, It is my will and desire that the portion which my son Joshua Wright shall receive at the death of my wife shall be put out in Interest by my Executor hereafter mentioned and he receive only the Interest of the same during the life of his wife, and at her death he shall be at liberty to receive the same principal and interest and make use of the same in any way he may think proper, but in case my son Joshua Wright, should die before his wife, then for all the Negros with all the portion that he may receive at his wife's death to be returned to my family and be equally divided among my children above mentioned.. . . . In testament whereof I have hereunto

set my seal this 10" day of December 1816

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of Jesse Dortch Jane S. Langley . . . ." Reuben his + Mark Wright

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 5, 1817, with 1 white male over 16, no blacks, and 1 horse.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on February 4, 1818, with 1 white male over 16, 2 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 2 horses.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Joshua Wright.

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on March 27, 1820, with 1 white male over 16, 1 black over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 1 horse.

The 1820 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Joshua Wright	1	45+			

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
1				

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
1	14-26					
2	0-14					

This record indicates that Joshua Wright was born before about 1775.

The 1820 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright a second time on August 7, 1820, but with only 1 white female in the household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Joshua Wright			1	45+	

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
1				

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
1	14-26					
1	0-14					

This record indicates that Phoebe (Finch) (Short) Wright was born before about 1775.

The duplicate listings for Joshua Wright with one household with only 1 white male and the second household with only one white female suggests that Joshua Wright and Phoebe (Finch) (Short) Wright may have separated before August 7, 1820, and were living in two different households.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on February 16, 1821, with 1 slave over 12 and 1 horse.

On March 16, 1821, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 19/43, Joshua Wright and his wife Phoebe (Shortt) Wright, widow of Jacob Shortt, sold to Elizabeth H. Wall all of their interest in 50 acres of land formerly owned by Jacob Shortt:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Joshua Wright and Phoebe his wife formerly Phoebe Shortt widow of Jacob Shortt decd of the one part and Elizabeth H Wall of the other part all of Mecklenburg County Virginia witnesseth that the said Joshua Wright and Phoebe his wife formerly Phoebe Shortt widow of Jacob Shortt for and in consideration of the sum of twelve dollars lawful money of Virginia to them in hand paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have remited released and forever quit claimed and by these presents do remise release and forever quit claim unto the said Elizabeth H. Wall all and all manner of dower and right and title of dower whatsoever which I the

said Joshua Wright now have may might should or of right ought to have or claim of in or out of all and every the manors messuages lands tenements and hereditaments in and to fifty acres of land belonging to Jacob Shortt late husband of the said Phoebe now wife of said Joshua Wright at and during Coverture between him the said Jacob Shortt and Phoebe which said land was deeded and conveyed by Freeman Shortt to his three daughters fifty acres part thereof being the proportion allotted to the said Elizabeth H Wall in the division of the said Freeman Shortts land. situate lying and being in the county of mecklenburg afore and bounded by the lands of Drury Pennington north East Stegall and Binford on the west and on the south by a tract formerly belonging to the said Jacob Shortt and now claimed by said Elizabeth H Wall and George Stegall under a sale for them for taxes To have and to hold the aforesaid land and premises to her the said Elizabeth H Wall and her heirs forever and sell the said Joshua Wright and Phoebe Wright hereby release all manner of action or actions writ and writs of dower whatsoever so that neither the said Joshua Wright or Phoebe his wife nor any other person for them or in their names any manner of dower or writ of action of dower or any wright or title of dower of or in the said fifty acres of land or any part or parcel thereof at any time hereafter shall or may have claim and it is further covenanted and agree that all claim whatsoever of the said Joshua Wright and Phoebe his wife is hereby forever bard and debard the same being fully relinquished to the said Elizabeth H Wall and her heirs forever together also with all and singular the rights appertaining or belonging In testimony of which the said Joshua Wright and Phoebe his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed there seals this 16th day of March 1821

Joshua Wright
Phoebe her X mark Wright

Mecklenburg County to wit

we George Rogers and Edward Travis Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Phoebe Wright wife of Joshua Wright decd parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 16th March 1821 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Phoebe Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. given under our hands and seals this 16th day of march 1821

George Rogers
Edwd Travis

mecklenburg County to wit

we George Rogers and Edward Travis Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Joshua Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 16th day of march 1831 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the clerk of the county court of mecklenburg in order that the same deed may be recorded given under our hands and seal this 16th day of march 1821

George Rogers
Edwd Travis

mecklenburg clerks office 17th March 1821

The within written deed was this day received in the clerks office aforesaid in vacation and pursuant to an act of assembly in such cases made and provided is admitted to record

Teste Edward L Tabb CC."

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on March 6, 1822, with 1 slave over 12 and 1 horse.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 6, 1823, with 2 slaves over 12 and 1 horse.

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on March 12, 1824, with 3 slaves over 12 and 1 horse.

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 10, 1825, with 1 slave over 12 and 1 horse.

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 14, 1826, with 1 slave over 12 and 1 horse.

On August 21, 1826, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, D.B. 22/178, Joshua Wright executed a deed of trust to Bartlet Hilliard as to three slaves to secure a debt due to William Wright and William Hendrick in the sum of $276.61:

"This Indenture made this the 21st day of August Eighteen Hundred and Twenty Six, between Joshua Wright of the first part, William Wright and William Hendrick of the second & Bartlet Hilliard of the third part, all of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia, Witnesseth , that whereas the said Joshua Wright Stand justly indebted to the said William Wright and William Hendrick in the Just and full sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Six Dollars and 61/100 with Interest from the 24th day of December next, and being willing and desirous of Securing the payment of the Same unto the said William Wright & William Hendrick - Now in

Consideration of the premises together with the further sum of one Dollar in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged sd Joshua Wright hath bargained Sold & delivered and doth by these presents bargain sell and deliver unto the said Bartlet Hilliard in Trust - Three likely negroes (Viz) a woman named Mariah, a boy named Jesse and a girl named Lucy; To have and to hold the same forever and he the said Joshua Wright for himself his heirs representatives &c doth Warrant and forever defend the right & title of said negroes to be free and clear from & of all incumbrances whatever unto the Bartlet Hilliard Trustee as aforesaid in Special Trust and Confidence (Viz) if the said Joshua Wright shall pay or Cause to be paid unto the said Wm Wright and Wm Hendrick or Order the aforesaid sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Six Dollars 61/100 on or before the 24th day of December next together with the Cost of recording this Indenture and all other Cost & troubles that may accrue from the execution of this business, then this Indenture to be void and of none effect, but in Case he fail so to do then it Shall and may be lawful for the said Bartlet Hilliard Trustee to make Sale of the aforesaid negroes for Cash, after giving legal notice at one or more public places in the neighborhood, and out of such Sale to pay to the said Wm Wright and Wm Hendrick the aforesaid Sum of Two Hundred & Seventy six Dollars 61/100 and Interest together with the Cost of recording this Indenture and all other Costs and troubles that may accrue from the execution of this business and the over plus if any to pay over to the said Joshua Wright or his legal representatives, it is further understood by the parties that the death of neither shall not obstruct the full force & effect of this Indenture. In Witness whereof the said Joshua Wright & Bartlet Hilliard hath hereunto set their hands & Seals the day & date above written.

Joshua Wright
Bartlet Hilliard Trustee

In presents of us
Teste
John M Wright)
William E Davis)

At a Court Continued and held for Mecklenburg County on the 22nd day of August 1826. The foregoing Deed of Trust was proven by the oaths of John M Wright and William E Davis witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be recorded

Teste Edw L Tabb Cl"

The 1827 and 1828 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Joshua Wright.

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 1, 1829, with no slaves and 1 horse.

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on April 1, 1830, with 1 white male over 16, no slaves, and 1 horse.

Joshua Wright has not as yet been found in the 1830 Census.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on February 14, 1831, with 1 white male over 16, no slaves, and no horses.

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright on March 22, 1832, with 1 white male over 16, no slaves, and 1 horse.

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Joshua Wright.

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright with 1 white male over 16, no slaves, and no horses.

The 1835 and 1840 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright with 1 white male over 16, no slaves, and 1 horse.

Joshua Wright has not as yet been found in the 1840 Census.

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright with 1 white male over 16, no slaves, and no horses.

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright with 1 white male over 16, no slaves, and 1 horse.

The 1850 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Wright with the following household on November 28, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joshua Wright	65	M	.	Laborer	
Nina Baskervill	50	F	B		
Mina Baskervill	13	F	B		

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Va				
Va				
Va				

This record indicates that Joshua Wright was born in about 1785.

Joshua Wright has not as yet been found in the 1860 Census.

No estate administration for Joshua Wright has as yet been found.

7. Nancy (Wright) Davis And Her Husband Joshua Davis

Nancy (Wright) Davis was a daughter of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and Charlotte (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1819 Reuben[2])

North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998, available from Ancestry.com, listed the will of Joshua Davis dated in November 1799, probated in May 1800 in Warren County, North Carolina, and which named his wife as Nancy (____) Wright. This was the father of Joshua Davis, who as set forth below married Nancy (Wright) Davis. Virginia, Marriages, 1740-1850, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage of Joshua Davis and Ann Smith on March 26, 1770, in Brunswick County, Virginia. Ann was often used as a diminutive for or in conjunction with Nancy and this was probably the marriage record of Joshua Wright and Nancy (____) Wright, the parents of Joshua Davis who married Nancy (Wright) Davis.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Nancy Wright and Joshua Davis on January 3, 1805, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Joshua Davis and William Wright are held & firmly bound unto William H. Cabell esq Governor or Chief magistrate of the comth of Virginia in the sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars to the which payment well & truly to be made to the said governor or his successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind our heirs exors and admors Jointly & Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 3d day of Jany 1805 In the ____ year of the Commonwealth
>
> The Condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound Joshua Davis and Nancy Wright then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force & virtue
>
> Joshua Davis
> William Wright
>
> Sealed & Delived)
> In the presence of)
> John Dortch"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Nancy Wright and Joshua Davis on January 3, 1805, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, Nancy & Joshua Davis 3 Jan 1805; b - William Wright"

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Joshua Davis.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Davis on May 8, 1807, with 1 white male over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 3 horses.

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Davis on April 10, 1809, with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Davis on March 13, 1810, with 1 white male over 16, 8 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1810 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Davis on March 28, 1811, with 1 white male over 16, 6 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Davis on April 4, 1812, with 1 white male over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

On July 25, 1812, at Warren County, North Carolina, D.B. 20/108, Joshua Davis of Mecklenburg County sold to Henry Felts his mill on Hawtree Creek in Warren County, North Carolina, along with 5 acres of land:

> "Memorandum of an agreement made & entered into this 25th day of July 1812 Between Joshua Davis of the County of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia of the one part and Henry Felts of the County of Warren & State of N. Carolina of the other part Witnesseth, that the Said Joshua hath this day Sold to the Said Henry his Mill on Hawtree creek known by the name of Davis's Mill with 5 acres of Land adjoining the Mill House with all the priviledges of raising the water to the Highest Water Mark, & the said Joshua is to deliver the Said Mill to the Said Felts on

Monday the 27th Instant the Said Felts to pay for the Said Mill as follows. Two hundred dollars down and whatever the Said Joshua is Indebted to the Said Felts to be deducted, the Balance of One thousand dollars the price of the Mill to be paid as follows One half on the 25th day of December 1813 with Interest from the first day of May 1813. If the Money is not then paid the other half on the 25 day of December 1814. If the Money is not then paid and the Said Joshua doth by these presents bind him Self to make to make to the Said Felts a good & sufficient title by Deed to Said Mill with all the priviledges thereunto belonging & 5 acres of Land adjoining the Mill Hill House at any time when the Said Felts may call for the same. In Witness whereof he the said Joshua hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal the day & date above written.

Joshua Davis

H. Terrell

Warren County November 1816 This deed was proven by the Oath of Halcott Terrell, and ordered to be Registered

Wm Green C.W.C.C.

Registered this 4th day of December 1816 By

A. P. Sledge R.W.C."

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Davis on April 3, 1813, with 1 white male over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Joshua Davis on April 13, 1814, with 1 white male over 16, 7 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses.

On June 10, 1814, at Warren County, North Carolina, D.B. 19/334, a survey and division of the land of Joshua Davis, deceased, was filed allocating Lot 1 to Joshua Davis:

"Surveyd 10th June 1814 for the Heirs of Joshua Davis a tract of Land lying in the County of Warren on both Sides of Tarripan Creek and Russ branch Begining at a Hickory ____(?) and Farris Corner the muster spring thence South along Wilson's whites and Russels line 289 pole to a Red Oak Mrs. Davis's corner thence East along her line 81 poles to a Hickory formerly on the field thence South along his Wilsons & Dukes line 336 poles to a white oak, thence East along Langfords & Tuckers lines 360 poles to a Red oak formerly a Hickory in Persons line thence North along his line & Pryers lines 206 poles to a

Possimon in the field Pryers Corn thence along his line & Mrs Davis' line West 263 poles to a Red Oak near the Maspeam(?) his corner thence along his line North 276 poles to Powells corner on the creek, thence down the creek as it meanders to a stake Farris Cor thence along his line West to the Begining Contaig 864 Acres.

Wm Person Sngd.

Agreeable to an order from the Worshipful Court for the County of Warren to us directed to divide the real Estate of Joshua Davis Decd. amongst the legatees of the Said Decd We have proceeded as follows Vizt: Lot No one beging at a Hickory near the muster spring Farris & Wilsons Corner thence So. along Wilsons line 108 poles to a Hickory, thence E. to Tarripin Creek thence down the creek to Farris corner (a Stake) thence W. along his line to the begining containing 134 Acres Valued at $536 drawn by Joshua Davis, and to receive of Lot No. 6 $155.50. . . . .

[Not transcribed are:
Lot No. 2 to Elizabeth Davis,
Lot No. 3 to Anthony Davis,
Lot No. 4 to Benjamin Davis,
Lot No. 5 to Charles Davis, and
Lot No. 6 to William Davis.]

Witness our hands and Seals this 10th day of June 1814.

B. Davis
Chs Mabry
Thomas Paschall
Thomas Paschall jr

Warren County August term 1814. This Division of the of Joshua Davis decd. was returned in open Court by the above Commrs. appointed for that purpose and on motion it was ordered to be Registered

W. Green C.W.C.C.

Registerd this 2nd day of October 1814. By

A. Sledge R.W.C."

The 1815 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Joshua Davis.

The Index of Deeds of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, lists no deed naming Joshua Davis as grantor in the period from 1812 through 1822.

Warren County, North Carolina, 1815 Tax Lists, available from North Carolina Digital Collections, listed Joshua Davis in 1815 in Smith's Creek District, Warren County, North Carolina, with 580 acres of land and 4 slaves:

"District & Names	Joshua Davis
Land Adjoining	.
No. of Acres	585
Value per Acre	4.50
Total value of Land	2,285.00
Free Poll	1
Slaves	4
Stores	.
Studs	.
Taverns	.
Billiard Tables	."

The 1816 Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Joshua Davis.

These last mentioned records indicate that in about 1814 Joshua Davis and Nancy (Wright) Davis moved across the state line from Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to adjacent Warren County, North Carolina.

The will of Reuben Wright dated on December 10, 1816, and probated on May 17, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/40, listed Nancy (Wright) Davis as one of his children:

> ". . . . I, Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, ... do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as following: . . . . Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Davis two negro boys named Robinson and Sam to her and her heirs forever. . . . . In testament whereof I have hereunto set my seal this 10" day of December 1816
>
> Signed Sealed and acknowl-edged in presence of Jesse Dortch Jane S. Langley . . . ." Reuben his + Mark Wright

This record indicates that Nancy(Wright) Davis died after December 10, 1816.

On August 25, 1818, at Warren County, North Carolina, D.B. 21/38, Joshua Davis of Warren County sold to William Davis 154 acres of land in Warren County:

"This Indenture made the twenty fifth day of August in the year of our lord one

thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen between Joshua Davis of Warren County and State of North Carolina of the one part and William Davis of the aforesaid County and State of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the Sum of one thousand Dollars to the said Joshua Davis in hand paid by the Said William Davis at or before the Sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and therefore hath granted bargained Sold aliened and Confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain Sell alien and Confirm unto the Said Wm Davis a Certain piece or parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the County and State aforesaid bounded as follows (Viz). On the South by Daniel Tucker's line on the West by Benjamin Davis on the North by Nancy Davis and East by William Davis Containing by estimation one hundred and fifty four Acres More or less and that the Said Joshua Davis doth Covenant promise and grant to and with the Said William Davis that he has a good right and title to the Said Land with all its appertenances and the Said Joshua Davis hereby bind himself and his heirs to warrant and forever defend the Said Land to the Said William Davis and his heirs and assigns forever free from all incumbrances and the Claim or Claims of all person or persons whatsoever In Witness Whereof the Said Joshua Davis hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal the day and year above

Joshua Davis
Ackd.

Witness

Warren County August Court 1818

The Execution of this deed by Joshua Davis he acknowledged in Open Court and it is Ordered to be Registered

Wm Green C.W.C.C.

Registered this 28th day of Sept. 1818

By Wm C Clanton R.W.C."

On July 18, 1820, at Warren County, North Carolina, D.B. 21/216, Joshua Davis purchased from John H. Hawkins 73 acres of land in Warren County:

"This Indenture made this Eighteenth day of Feby in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty; between John H Hawkins of one part and Joshua Davis of the other part both of Warren County & State of North Carolina Witnesseth that the Said John H Hawkins for an in Consideration of the Sum of Four Hundred and Eleven Dollars to him in hand paid by the Said Joshua Davis hath granted, enfeoffed and Confirmed and by these presents doth grant, alien, enfeoff and Confirm unto the Said Joshua Davis all that message or tenement, situate lying and being in the County of Warren and State aforesaid, Containing

by estimation Seventy three Acres more or less as follows, Begining at a Red Oak a newly made Corner in said Davis, line thence due East 12 poles to the Center of Blantons Road thence up Said Road as it meanders 298½ poles to Said Davis line thence north 45° W. 32 poles to a Red Oak to Said Davis Corner, thence north 86 poles to a white Oak Said Davis Corner, thence north 61° W. 108 poles to a Black Jack Said Davis, Corner on Blacks old Road, thence down Said Road 141 poles to a black Oak on Said Road, thence due north 14 poles to the first Station To have and to hold the aforesaid land and premises with all appurtenances thereunto belonging to the Said Joshua Davis to him, his heirs and assigns forever, and the Said John H Hawkins for himself his heirs and assigns doth hereby Covenant and grant to and with the said Joshua Davis his heirs and assigns that he will warrant & for ever defend the right and title of the aforesaid land unto the sd. Joshua Davis to him his heirs and assigns forever In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and year above written

J H Hawkins
Ackd.

Signed Sealed & delivered
in the presents of
Anthony Davis
Edwd Neal

Warren County Feby Court 1820

This Deed was ackd. in open Court & O. R.

Cos. Drake C.W.C.C.

Registered this 16th day of May 1820 by

Wm C. Clanton R.W.C."

The 1820 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed Joshua Davis with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Joshua Davis	1	26-45			

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
5			1	26-45
			3	14-26
			1	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
1	45+					
1	14-26					

This record indicates that Joshua Davis was born between about 1775 and 1794. The absence of any other white member of the household indicates that Nancy (Wright) Davis had died before August 7, 1820, and that Joshua Davis and Nancy (Wright) Davis had no children or if they had any children, those children had died before August 7, 1820.

On June 15, 1822, at Warren County, North Carolina, D.B. 22/307, Joshua Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Benjamin Davis, William Davis, and Charles Davis relinquished to Anthony Davis any interest they had in the slaves Phil and Hannah who had been purchased by Anthony Davis at public sale:

> "Know all men by these presents, that, we Elizabeth Davis, Benjamin Davis, Joshua Davis, William Davis, & Charles Davis, the undersigned do hereby relinquish to Anthony Davis his Heirs Executors or admors: all right title and Interest which we have to negroes, Phil and Hannah the same being disposed of this day at public Sale & he the said A. Davis being the Purchaser of said negroes for the sum of eleven hundred and Seventy five Dollars which sum is to be account for to us the undersigned. Given under our hands and seals this 15th day of June A. D. 1822.
>
> Joshua Davis
> William Davis
> Benjamin Davis
> Elizabeth her X mark Davis
> Chs. Davis
>
> witness

J. H. Hawkins (Jurat)
Nathl. C Parson

Warren County August Court 1822 the Execution of this relinquishment, by Joshua Davis, Wm. Davis Benjm. Davis, Elizabeth Davis and Chas Davis, was proved in open Court by the oath of John H Hawkins a subscribing witness thereto on motion it is O R

Cos. Drake C.W.C.C.

Registered on the [dark and obscured]"

The 1830 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed Joshua Davis with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Joshua Davis	1	40-50		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	55-100	3	36-55				
2	36-55	4	10-24				
3	24-36	2	0-10				
3	10-24						
3	0-10						

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
22					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing

Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Joshua Davis was born between about 1780 and 1790.

North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage of Joshua Davis and his second wife Matilda S. Boyd on August 4, 1830, in Warren County, North Carolina:

"State Of North Carolina,)
Warren County.)

We Joshua Davis & Elbert Alheck(?) are hereby held and firmly bound unto John Owen Esquire, Governor, &c or his successors in Office, in the full sum of Five Hundred Pounds, current Money, to be paid to the said Governor, his successors or Assigns, for the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors, Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this 4th day of August A. D. 1830

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bound Joshua Wright hath made application for a License for Marriage to be celebrated between him and Matilda S Boyd of the county aforesaid: Now in case it shall not appear hereafter that there is any lawful cause or Impediment to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Joshua Wright
E. Alheck(?)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered)
in the presence of)
Ed. D. Drake"

The 1840 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed Joshua Davis with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Joshua Davis	1	50-60	2	30-40
	1	30-40	1	0-5
	2	5-10		
	1	0-5		

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				1	55-100	1	55-100
				3	36-55	5	26-55
				3	24-36	3	24-36
				7	10-24	5	10-24
				1	0-10	7	0-10

Number of Persons in each Family Employed in						
Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
44		21				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing		
	Names	Ages	Deaf and Dumb No.	Ages	Blind

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 20 years of age
in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Joshua Davis was born between about 1780 and 1790.

North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998, available from Ancestry.com, listed the will of Joshua Davis dated on November 23, 1841, and probated in February 1845 in Warren County, North Carolina, and provided as follows:

> "In the name of God, Amen, I Joshua Davis of the County of Warren, State of No. Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare the following to be my last Will & Testament - That is to say:
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> First, my Will is and I expressly direct that all my Estate, real, personal and mixed of what nature or kind soever (subject to the payment of my just debts) be kept together under the management and controul of my Executrix and Executors hereinafter named for the following uses, interests and purposes. That is to say; for the decent and comfortable support of my beloved Wife Matilda S. Davis and for the raising and education of my Children Richard A. Davis, Joshua E. Davis, Mary A. Davis and William S. Davis, in a suitable manner, corresponding with their condition in life and the means of my Estate.
>
> 2ndly I devise and bequeath all said Estate (subject to the uses and purposes aforesaid) to my said Wife and said four Children - to be equally divided between them share and share alike - the parts or shares to be set apart and allotted at the times & in the manner following; that is to say, to my sons at their respective ages of twenty one years - and to my daughters when and as soon as she arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries, whichever shall first happen. Provided however, in case my said Wife shall marry, then and in that event, my Will is that all said Estate be immediately divided between her and my four Children in equal shares and proportions: and provided further and I hereby declare my Will to be that if any such Child or Children, being a son or sons shall depart this life under the age of twenty one, or being a daughter shall depart this life under that age and unmarried, then the share or shares of him or her or them so dying shall go and be alloted to the Survivor or Survivors of them as and when his or her original share shall be assigned and alloted.
>
> 3d My Will is that my Brothers William Davis and Brothers in law John E. Boyd and Armistead G. Boyd or the Survivors of them (& they are hereby empowered accordingly) set apart and allot the several shares agreeably to the provisions of this Will as and when they shall respectively become due - and also make a general division of my Estate in the event of my Wife's marriage .
>
> 4th & Lastly - I nominate and appoint my beloved Wife Matilda S. Davis and the

above named William Davis, John E. Boyd and Armistead G. Boyd, Executrix and Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of November 1841

Joshua Davis

Signed, Sealed, published
and declared in
presence of
M. M. Drake
O. D. Felts
Henry H. Burwell

Warren County Feb. Co. 1845. The execution of this will was proved in open Court by the oath of M. M. Drake & ordered to be recorded. Whereupon the Ex_(?) and Exers therein named qualified thereto in open court according to Law

Test M. J. Montgomery Clk"

The absence of any reference to his first wife Nancy (Wright) Davis or children from that marriage is additional evidence that there were no such children or that they had predeceased Joshua Davis.

8. 1831 Reuben Wright Of Mecklenburg County, His Wives Catherine (Winfield) Wright And Unity C. (Davis) Wright, And His Descendants

1831 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County was a son of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and Charlotte (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1], 1819 Reuben[2])

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright on July 31, 1807, with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 5 horses. This was a listing for 1819 Reuben Wright, the father of 1831 Reuben Wright

No tax lists were taken in Virginia in 1808.

North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage of Unity C. Power and Baxter Davis on January 18, 1808, in Warren

County, North Carolina:

"Name	Unity C Power
Gender	Female
Bond date	18 Jan 1808
Bond Place	Warren, North Carolina, USA
Spouse	Baxter Davis
Spouse Gender	Male
Event Type	Bond"

As set forth below, Reuben Wright married as his second wife Unity C. Davis.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright on April 1, 1809, with 2 whites over 16, 4 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses. This again was a listing for 1819 Reuben Wright and the second white male in the household was probably 1831 Reuben Wright.

The absence of 1831 Reuben Wright from the 1807 Tax List and his probable listing as a male over 16 in the 1809 Tax List indicates that 1831 Reuben Wright was born between July 31, 1791, and April 1, 1793.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights on March 20, 1810, one listed with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, who was 1819 Reuben Wright, and the other listed as Reuben Wright, Jr., with 1 white male over 16 and 1 horse, who was 1831 Reuben Wright.

The 1810 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, is no longer extant.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights on March 26, 1811, one listed with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, no blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, who was 1819 Reuben Wright, and the other listed as Reuben Wright, Jr., with 1 white over 16 and 1 horse, who was 1831 Reuben Wright.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Reuben Wright and his first wife Catherine Winfield on February 20, 1812, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

> "Know all Men by these Presents, That we Reuben Wright and William Bilbo are held and firmly bound unto James Barbour Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in one Hundred and fifty Dollars: To which Payment well and truly to be made to the said Barbour and his Successors, to the Use of

the Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, &c. firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 20 Day of February 1812

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that whereas there is a Marriage intended to be solemnized between the above bound Reuben Wright and Catherine Winfield if therefore there be no lawful Cause to obstruct the same, then this Obligation to be void, else to remain of Force and Virtue.

Reuben Wright
William Bilbo

Signed and sealed in the
Presence of Wm G. Pettus"

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Reuben Wright and his first wife Catherine Winfield on February 20, 1812, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, Reuben & Catharine Wingfield 20 Feb 1812; b - William Bilbo"

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Rubin Wrights on April 14, 1812, one listed as Rubin Wright with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, who was 1819 Reuben Wright, and the other listed as Rubin Wright, Jr., with 1 white over 16 and 1 horse, who was 1831 Reuben Wright.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright, Sr., on April 3, 1813, with 2 whites over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, and 1 horse. The second white male would be 1831 Reuben Wright.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights on April 3, 1814, one listed as Reuben Wright, Sr., with 1 white over 16, 4 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses, who was 1819 Reuben Wright, and the other listed as Reuben Wright, Jr., with 1 white male over 16 and 3 horses, who was 1831 Reuben Wright.

Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1989, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Reuben Wright, Jr., and his second wife Unity C. Davis on April 18, 1814, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Know all men by these presents that we Reuben Wright junr and Gran Blanton are held & firmly bound unto his Excellency James Barber esqr, Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just & full Sum of One hundred & fifty dollars, to the which payment well & truly to be made to the said Governor & his Successors for the use of the said Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, jointly & Severally our joint & Several heirs, Exors & admors firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals, & dated this 18th day of April 1814

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that if therefore there be no lawful Cause to obstruct a Marriage intended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound Reuben Wright junr & Unity C Davis then the above obligation to be void or to remain of force & Virtue.

Reuben Wright
Gran Blanton

Signed Sealed & delivd)
in presence)
W Baskerville"

This record indicates that Catherine (Winfield) Wright had died before April 18, 1814.

Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Reuben Wright and his second wife Unity C. Davis on April 18, 1814, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia:

"Wright, Reuben & Unity C Davis 18 Apr 1814; b - Green Blanton"

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights, one listed as Reuben Wright, Sr., on April 1, 1815, with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 1 black between 12 and 16, no blacks between 9 and 12, and 5 horses, who was 1819 Reuben Wright, and the other listed as Reuben Wright, Jr., on April 6, 1815, with 1 white male over 16, 3 blacks over 16, 3 blacks between 12 and 16, 2 blacks between 9 and 12, and 3 horses, who was 1831 Reuben Wright.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Rubin Wrights, one listed as Rubin Wright, Sr., on April 9, 1816, with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, who was 1819 Reuben Wright, and the other listed as Rubin Wright, Jr., on April 6, 1816, with 1 white male over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, 4 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $60.

The will of Reuben Wright dated on December 10, 1816, and probated on May 17, 1819, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 9/40, listed Reuben Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . I, Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, ... do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as following: . . . . Item, I give and bequeath to my son Reuben Wright two negro boys named Gideon and Armstead to him and his heirs forever. . . . . Lastly I constitute my sons William Wright and Reuben Wright Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made, In testament whereof I have hereunto set my seal this 10" day of December 1816
>
> Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of Jesse Dortch Jane S. Langley . . . . Reuben his + Mark Wright"

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reubin Wrights, one listed as Reubin Wright, Sr., on April 15, 1817, with 1 white over 16, no free negroes or mulattoes, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, who was 1819 Reuben Wright, and the other listed as Reubin Wright, Jr., on April 5, 1817, with 1 white over 16, no free negroes or mulattoes, 5 blacks over 16, 3 blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses, who was 1831 Reuben Wright.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reubin Wrights, one listed as Reubin Wright, Sr., on March 16, 1818, with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, who was 1819 Reuben Wright, and the other listed as Reubin Wright, Jr., on April 4, 1818, with 1 white over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 3 blacks between 12 and 16, and 7 horses, who was 1831 Reuben Wright.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed two Reuben Wrights, one listed as Reuben Wright Estate on March 19, 1819, with no whites over 16, 5 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 4 horses, who was 1819 Reuben Wright, and the other listed as Reuben Wright on May 20, 1819, with 1 white over 16, 6 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, and 5 horses, who was 1831 Reuben Wright.

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed

one Reuben Wright on March 28, 1820, with 1 white over 16, 9 blacks over 16, 2 blacks between 12 and 16, 7 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $100.

The 1820 Census for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed Reuben Wright with the following household on August 7, 1820:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age	Foreigners
Reuben Wright	1	26-45	2	26-45	
	1	10-16	2	0-10	
	2	0-10			

Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture	Slaves Male	Age
7			4	14-26
			3	0-14

Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age	All other Persons
2	26-45					
1	14-26					
3	0-14					

This record indicates that Reuben Wright and Unity C. (Power) (Davis) Wright were born between about 1775 and 1794.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright on February 17, 1821, with 8 slaves over 12, 5 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $75.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright on February 28, 1822, with 9 slaves over 12, 4 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $50.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright on April 16, 1823, with 11 slaves over 12, 8 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $50.

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed

one Reuben Wright on March 19, 1824, with 13 slaves over 12, 8 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $75.

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright on April 10, 1825, with 14 slaves over 12, 8 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $50.

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright on February 16, 1826, with 13 slaves over 12, 7 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $50.

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright on March 2, 1827, with 12 slaves over 12, 7 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $50.

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright on April 16, 1828, with 9 slaves over 12, 7 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $50.

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed one Reuben Wright on April 2, 1829, with 8 slaves over 12, 9 horses, and 1 gigg valued at $50.

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, did not list a Reuben Wright.

Reuben Wright has not as yet been found in the 1830 Census.

On September 19, 1831, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Fiduciary Book, Image 89, No. 134, John M. Wright filed his bond of $10,000 to act as administrator of the estate of Reuben Wright with William Hannah and William Wright as securities.

In January 1832 at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/480, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Reuben Wright dated October 6, 1831, was filed showing a value of $4,718.60, including 15 slaves, 7 horses, and 1 gigg and harness valued at $10.

In January 1832 at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/481, a list of sales personal property of the estate of Reuben Wright dated on October 7, 1831, was filed showing a total of $832.79 in proceeds, including sales to Henry Wright, William Wright, and John M. Wright.

In or after January 1832 at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, W.B. 12/545, a further list of sales of property of the estate of Reuben Wright made on December 16, 1831, was filed showing proceeds of $763.54¾.

On October 21, 1833, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1A/73, the court appointed John M. Wright as guardian of the minor children of Reuben Wright:

> "At a Court held for Mecklenburg County at the Court house thereof on the 21st day of October 1833 and in the 58th year of the Commonwealth
> . . . .
> The Court doth assign Jno M Wright as Gdn. of Jno E P Wright, Julia C Wright, Stephen H P Wright, Unity A. T Wright, orphan children of Reuben Wright deceased, & thereupon he together with William Marshal & William Hendrick entered into bond: in the penalty of $10,000 cond: acco: to law."

This record identifies the children of 1831 Reuben Wright as follows;

1) John E. P. Wright, born after October 21, 1812,

2) Julia C. Wright, born after October 21, 1815,

3) Stephen H. P. Wright, born after October 21, 1812, and

4) Unity A. T. Wright, born after October 21, 1815.

On February 18, 1839, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Gdn.B. 3/112, John M. Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship of Julia C. Wright, Stephen P. or H. Wright, and Unity H. Wright for the period from October 16, 1836, through April 17, 1837:

> "Dr. John M. Wright Guardian
> In A/C With Julia C Wright Stephen P & Unity H. Wright

1836		
Octo 16	To Ballance due on Settlement	$282.20
	Int till 1st Jan 1839	37.36
	To Negro hires due 28th Decr 1836	205.00
	Int till 1st January 1837	24.00
		$648.56
	By Expenditures	61.01
1835		587.55
Decr 31	By cash paid J. E. Wright	12.50
1836 Jany	Int till 1st Jany 1839	2.25
1837	By Cash paid S. G. Meacham	2.00
April 17	Int till 1st Jany 1839	36
	By Cash paid E. R. Chambers	2.50
	Int till 1st Jany 1839	25

By Cash paid Doct G. Jefferson	27.00
Int till 1st Jany 1839	2.70
	$47.56
By Commissions on $229. 5/00 Cent	11.45
	$61.01

Agreeably to the annexed order We the undersigned Commissioners have examined the ac/ of John M. Wright Guardian of Julia C Stephen H & Unity H Wright and find a balance in his hand of five hundred and Eighty Seven Dollars and 55/100. Given under our hand this 9th day of Feby 1839

Nathl Alexander
Homer Palonn(?)
Wm. Hendrick

At a court held for Mecklenburg County at the Court house thereof on the 18th day of February 1839.

The foregoing Guardian account was this day Received in Court apprv & confmd and ordered to be recorded

Teste Richd B Baptist CC"

On February 18, 1839, at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Gdn.B. 3/115, the court recorded the appointment of Thomas P. Wortham as guardian for Stephen H. P. Wright, a minor heir of Reuben Wright by an order of the Maury County, Tennessee, Court dated October 2, 1837:

"State of Tennessee Maury County.

Be it remembered that at a County Court began and holden for the County of Maury at the Court house thereof in the Town of Columbia in Said County on the first Monday in October A.D. 1837, being the Second day of Said month before the Worshipful Joseph Herndon. Chairman of Said Court . . . . whereupon Said Court among other things then and there done by Said Court made and ordered to be entered of record the following entry and order (to wit)

"Stephen H. P. Wright a minor heir of Reuben Wright decd being over the age of fourteen years and having by law the right to choose his own Guardian. Came this day into open Court and chose Thomas P. Wortham to act as Guardian for him and moved the Court to appoint the Said Thomas P. Wortham his Guardian. Whereupon the Court ordered that Thomas P. Wortham be appointed Guardian for the Said Stephen H. P. Wright who executed bond in the Sum of three thousand dollars with Andrew Scott and John P. Wortham his Securities who were received by the Court as Sufficient:

The following is a true copy of the bond Executed by Thomas P. Wortham as Guardian of Stephen H. P. Wright to Wit:

[Bond, clerk certification of order, and chairman certification of clerk not transcribed]

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County at the Court house thereof on the 18th day of February 1849. The within written Record of the Qualification of Thomas P. Wortham Guardian of Stephen H. P. Wright which, together with the Certificate of authentication thereon endorsed is admitted to record.

Teste Richd B. Baptist CC"

This record indicates that Stephen H. P. Wright was born after October 2, 1823, and resided on October 2, 1837, in Maury County, Tennessee.

C. Joshua Wright

Joshua Wright was a son of 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County and Mary (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1])

On February 20, 1777, at Brunswick County, Virginia, D.B. 13/69, Joshua Wright, written as Jofhu Wright, and Reuben Wright witnessed the deed to Robert Wright of Brunswick County, Virginia, from Robert Briggs and his wife Ruth Briggs and Samuel Briggs and his wife Betty Briggs for 280 acres of land. The legal age for witnessing a document in Virginia at this time was 14, indicating that Joshua Wright was probably born before February 20, 1763.

On October 15, 1777, at Brunswick County, Virginia, D.B. 13/67, Joshua Wright and Robert Wright witnessed the deed to Reuben Wright of King William County from Thomas and Elizabeth Briggs of Brunswick County for 150 acres of land in Brunswick County.

Deeds 13/69 and 13/67 were recorded on the same day, indicating that the same Joshua Wright was involved in both.

The will of Robert Wright dated on August 11, 1781, and probated on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/438, listed Joshua Wright as one of his children and nominated him as a co-executor, but Joshua Wright declined to act as such executor:

"I Robert Wright in Brunswick County do make this my last will and Testament . . . .

I give unto my son Joshua one negro boy named Jacob to him and his heirs.
. . . .
I do appoint my sons Reubin and Joshua my Executors of this my last will and Testament this 11th Day August 1781.

Robert Wright

Brunswick County Court 26th May 1783

This writing was produced as the last will and Testament of Robert Wright decd. and on examining sundry witnesses the Court are of opinion the same was wholly wrote by the Testator, and that same ought to be recorded as his true last will and Testament, and the Executors therein named having refused to act on the motion of Austin Wright and he having given bond with security and taken the oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of Administration of the said estate with this his will annexed

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Drury Stith Cl C"

The legal age to act as an executor in Virginia at this time was 21, indicating that Joshua Wright was probably born before May 26, 1762, and possibly before August 11, 1760.

The Personal Property Tax Lists for Brunswick County, Lunenburg County, and Mecklenburg County, Virginia, beginning in 1782 did not list a Joshua Wright.

The Brunswick County, Virginia, Court Order Books 12 through 17 for the period from 1772 through 1798 did not list an order referring to Joshua Wright.

The Brunswick County, Virginia, Deed Books 14 and 15 for the period from 1780 through 1794 did not list a deed from Joshua Wright.

The 1790 Census for Virginia is no longer extant.

The 1790 Census for North Carolina and adjacent states did not list a Joshua Wright.

The 1800 Censuses for Virginia and North Carolina listed no Joshua Wright and in adjacent states only one Joshua Wright in Maryland.

The absence of records for Joshua Wright indicate that he probably died sometime shortly after 1783.

D. Jane (Wright) Featherston And Her Husband Featherston

Jane (Wright) Featherston was a daughter of 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County and Mary (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1])

The will of Robert Wright dated on August 11, 1781, and probated on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/438, listed Jane (Wright) Featherston as one of his children:

> "I Robert Wright in Brunswick County do make this my last will and Testament
> . . . .
> Item I give unto my daughter Jane Featherston one negro girl named Fib to her and her heirs
> . . . .
> I do appoint my sons Reubin and Joshua my Executors of this my last will and Testament this 11th Day August 1781.
>
> Robert Wright
>
> . . . ."

The 1790 Census for Warren County, North Carolina, listed John Featherston with the following household:

Names of Heads of Households	Free White Males Over 16 Years	Free White Males Under 16 Years	Free White Females	Slaves	Total
John Featherston	1	2	3		6

However, further research will be required to determine if this was the husband of Jane (Wright) Featherston.

Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820, by Lucius Featherstone Wright III, noted that Jane Wright may have been the wife of Charles Featherston. His will was dated on April 3, 1788, probated on January 25, 1790, at Brunswick County, Virginia, W.B. 5/342, and provided as follows:

> "In the Name of God amen I Charles Feariston of Brunswick County, being Sick in body of perfect mind & Memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. And as to my Worldly Estate I Dispose of in the following manner.
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> Item my will and desire is that my well beloved Wife Gen Feariston should have the use of my whole Estate personal and real Dureing her life or Widowhood, and at my Wifes Gean Fearistons Death or mariage my will and desire is that my

whole Estate should be sold and my Daughter Fathey Grant have one Shilling I also give my Daughter Charlot Grant one Shilling & no more each of them two. The residue of my Estate I desire should should be equally Divided among all my children that is now living except Fathey and Charlot. my farther Will is that my Estate may not be appraised. Lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Gear Feariston and my son Kyes Feariston to be my hole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Third day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight

Charles his A mark Feariston

Signed Sealed & Delivered)
In presence of)
Jesse Turner
John Porter

Brunswick County Court January 25th 1790

This Will was proved According to Law by the Oaths of Jesse Turner & John Porter the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded

Test
John Jones C.B.C."

Again, further research will be required to determine if this was the husband of Jane (Wright) Featherston.

E. Robert Wright (Brunswick County)

Robert Wright (Brunswick County) was a son of 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County and Mary (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1])

The 1782 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed only one Robert Wright who was 1783 Robert Wright with 11 persons in his household.

On May 27, 1782, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 13/459, Robert Wright, Reuben Wright, William Walker, George Trotter were appointed as appraisers of the estate of Moses Penn:

"Ordered that William Walker, Robert Wright, Reubin Wright & George Trotter or any three of them being first duly sworn do appraise the Estate of Moses Penn decd. and make report thereof to the Court"

The Robert Wright of this record may have been 1783 Robert Wright, but given his death shortly after this date, the Robert Wright of this record was more probably Robert Wright, the son of 1783 Robert Wright. At this time in Virginia a person had to be 21 years of age to act as an appraiser and therefore, this record indicates that Robert Wright was probably born before May 27, 1761.

The 1783 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list Robert Wright, but did list the estate of Robert Wright with 10 persons in his household.

Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820 stated that on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/157, the following order was entered:

> "A writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Robert Wright decd. was presented…Executors named refused, and Austin Wright with Thomas Penn and Robert Wright securities for £2000 were named."

The Robert Wright of this record would be the son of 1783 Robert Wright.

The will of Robert Wright dated on August 11, 1781, and probated on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/438, listed Robert Wright as one of his children:

> "I Robert Wright in Brunswick County do make this my last will and Testament
> . . . .
> Item I give unto my son Robt. Wright one negro woman named Milley and her youngest child Silvia.
> . . . .
> I do appoint my sons Reubin and Joshua my Executors of this my last will and Testament this 11th Day August 1781.
>
> Robert Wright
>
> . . . ."

The 1783 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright, but did list Reubin Wright with 10 taxable persons in his household and Mary Wright, who was the widow of 1783 Robert Wright, with 5 taxable persons in her household.

The 1784, 1785, and 1786 Personal Property Tax Lists for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright.

However, the 1784 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with 5 taxable persons and 4 tithes, the 1785 Personal Property Tax

List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with 4 taxable persons and 2 tithes, including slave Milly, and the 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with 6 taxable persons and 2 tithes, including slaves Milly and Silvy. As set forth above, the will of 1783 Robert Wright gave his slaves Milly and her daughter Silvia to his son Robert Wright. The absence of Robert Wright from the tax records and the presence of slaves Milly and Silvia/Silvy in Mary Wright's household indicates that Robert Wright was probably living with his mother Mary Wright and was one of the taxable persons referred to in her lists.

On September 4, 1786, at Brunswick County, Virginia, D.B. 14/257, Robert Wright witnessed the deed from Augustine or Austin Wright to John Penn of 175 acres of land in Brunswick County. As set forth above, this was a sale of the land inherited by 1829 Augustine Wright from his father 1783 Robert Wright by reason of the law of primogeniture.

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright.

On August 28, 1787, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 14/567, in the case of John Wright vs. John Allen, the court ordered John Allen to pay Robert Wright 75 pounds of tobacco for attending as his witness:

> "John Wright Plt.)
> against) On a Petition
> John Allen Deft.)
>
> On hearing the Parties It is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant one pound six shillings & his Costs in this behalf expended.
> . . . .
> On the Motion of Robert Wright a Witness for John Allen at the suit of John Wright Ordered that the said John Allen pay him seventy five pounds of Tobacco for attending 3 Days at this Court according to Law."

The 1788 and 1789 Personal Property Tax Lists for Brunswick County, Virginia, did not list a Robert Wright.

No further record that can be clearly identified as relating to Robert Wright, the son of 1783 Robert Wright, has as yet been found.

As set forth above, (1) the 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick

County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with 6 taxable persons and 2 tithes, including slaves Milly and Silvy, (2) the 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, also listed Reubin Wright with 9 taxable persons and 3 tithes, including slave Mike, and (3) Mary (____) Wright died in 1794, and (4) the 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, listed 1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County with slaves Mike and Milly. The absence of further records for Robert Wright (Brunswick County) after 1787 and the presence of slaves Mike and Milly in the Mary Wright and Reuben Wright households in 1786 and then in the 1810/14 Robert Wright of Mecklenburg County household in 1795 indicate that Robert Wright (Brunswick County) had probably died in about 1787 and that the slave Milly who belonged to Robert Wright (Brunswick County) from his father's will and had been in Mary Wright's household and the slave Mike who belonged to 1819 Reuben Wright were then given to 1819 Reuben Wright's son 1810/14 Robert Wright when that Robert Wright established his own household with his wife Nancy in 1792 and those slaves then went with 1810/14 Robert Wright and his wife Nancy (Wright) Wright when they moved in about 1795 to Mecklenburg County.

F. Thomas Wright

Thomas Wright was a son of 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County and Mary (____) Wright. (1783 Robert[1])

The will of Robert Wright dated on August 11, 1781, and probated on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/438, listed Thomas Wright as one of his children:

> "I Robert Wright in Brunswick County do make this my last will and Testament
> . . . .
> I give unto my son Thomas Wright one negro man named Daniel to him and his heirs.
> . . . .
> I do appoint my sons Reubin and Joshua my Executors of this my last will and Testament this 11th Day August 1781.
>
> Robert Wright
>
> . . . ."

The Personal Property Tax Lists for Brunswick County, Virginia, beginning in 1782 did not list a Thomas Wright.

The Personal Property Tax Lists for Lunenburg County, Virginia, beginning in 1782 did list a Thomas Wright. Southside Virginia Wright Families 1755-1820, by Lucius F. Wright, has a nice discussion of this Thomas Wright and identifies him as 1804 Thomas Wright of Lunenburg County who married Hannah (Mize) Wright and had the following children:

1) 1818 Parsons Wright of Putnam County, Georgia,
2) after 1834 John Wright of Jasper County, Georgia,
3) Thomas Wright,
4) James Wright,
5) Charles Wright,
6) David Wright,
7) Henry Wright,
8) Rosa Wright,
9) Amy (Wright) Shell,
10) Chastity (Wright) Scott, and
11) Dolly (Wright) Dizmang.

The connection, if any, between the family of 1804 Thomas Wright and the family of 1783 Robert Wright has not as yet been made.

The Personal Property Tax Lists for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, beginning in 1782 did not list a Thomas Wright until 1799 when 1811/16 Thomas Wright first appeared. That 1811/16 Thomas Wright is discussed above as the son of 1819 Reuben Wright of Mecklenburg County.

G. Possibly But Probably Not 1781/84 Uriah Wright Of Brunswick County, His Wife Elizabeth (____) Wright, And His Descendants

1781/84 Uriah Wright of Brunswick County was possibly a son of 1783 Robert Wright of Brunswick County and Mary (____) Wright, but more probably a brother. (1783 Robert[1])

The will of Robert Wright dated on August 11, 1781, and probated on May 26, 1783, at Brunswick County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/438, listed Uriah Wright's children as beneficiaries of his personal estate:

"I Robert Wright in Brunswick County do make this my last will and Testament

. . . .
my desire is that Uriah's children may have an equal part of my movable estate.
. . . .
I do appoint my sons Reubin and Joshua my Executors of this my last will and Testament this 11th Day August 1781.

Robert Wright

. . . ."

This reference to Uriah Wright's children as beneficiaries indicates that Uriah Wright had died before the will was written on August 11, 1781. This suggests a family connection to Uriah Wright, but it is unclear whether this was as an older, deceased son or more probably as a deceased brother whose children 1783 Robert Wright cared for and supported.

On May 24, 1784, at Brunswick County, Virginia, W.B. 2/331, the inventory and appraisement of the estate of Uriah Wright was filed by his administratrix Elizabeth Wright showing a value of £46, 12 shillings, and 6 pence, including 1 female slave:

"The Appraisement of Uriah Wright's Dec. Estate.

To a set of Black Smith's tools	£ 7 0 0
. . . .	
To a Negro Wench	15 . .
	£46 12 6

William Rawlings)
Elisha Clark) Appraisers. Brunswick County Court 24th of May
John Williams) 1784.

This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate Uriah Wright decd. was returned by Elizabeth Wright his Administratrix and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste
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This record identifies Uriah Wright's wife as Elizabeth (____) Wright.

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Brunswick County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright on July 30, 1787, with no white males over 21, no white males between 16 and 21, and 1 black above 16, and no horses or cattle.

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